

Geography curriculum overview

Children begin exploring Geography through their immediate environment and wider experiences in Reception. As they move through the school, they develop a growing knowledge of places, patterns and processes, while learning to think like geographers through maps, fieldwork, geographical enquiry and precise geographical vocabulary. This overview shows the main geographical content children encounter as they progress towards the milestones at the end of Years 2, 4 and 6.

Reception (EYFS)

Exploring our school, local area and the wider world

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
Our school Exploring the geography of our school and familiar places Mapping our school Where our school is and creating simple maps	Our local area Mapping the local area and planning and following routes Changes in the seasons Observing changes in the world around us	Where do we live? Rownhams and Southampton England and Kenya Comparing life in contrasting places Testwood Lakes Exploring our local environment

Years 1 and 2 - Milestone 1

Building a picture of our local area, the United Kingdom and the wider world

Mapping the world Using maps and geographical techniques The United Kingdom Countries, cities and London Continents and oceans Locating the world's continents and oceans Climate Exploring patterns in climate and weather Rownhams A local area study	Oceans Exploring physical and human features Australia Location and physical features Aboriginal people of Australia People, place and culture The Great Barrier Reef People and environments The Daintree Rainforest Exploring a contrasting environment
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Years 3 and 4 - Milestone 2

Exploring landscapes, processes and connections

Describing maps of the world Developing mapping and geographical techniques Europe Location and geographical diversity European rivers Physical and human features European mountains Landscapes and physical features Rivers River systems and physical processes	Erosion, transport and deposition - Understanding how landscapes are shaped Landforms Features created by erosion and deposition Climate change - Physical and human processes The water cycle - Understanding an important physical process Volcanoes and earthquakes - Plate tectonics, the Pacific Ring of Fire and their impacts
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Years 5 and 6 - Milestone 3

Understanding an interconnected and changing world

Using and interpreting maps Reading maps and understanding what they tell us Ocean currents How ocean currents work The Great Garbage Patch Human influence on ocean environments Biomes and climate zones Comparing and contrasting environments Temperate deciduous biomes Physical and human geography	Rainforests Physical features, human processes and diversity Tundra Physical features, human processes and diversity The Americas Countries, environmental regions and major cities Population and economic activity Patterns of settlement and human activity North and South America Rivers, mountains and contrasting physical environments
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