Geography skills progression

	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2
Locational Knowledge	Understand the concepts of near and far, and how these relate to the child's immediate environment. To be familiar with the local area, including key landmarks, schools, parks, and community facilities, to help children recognize and understand their surroundings.	Locate and name the world's seven continents and five oceans. Locate and name the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and begin to locate and name the seas around them.	Locate, name, and describe the location and some of the distinguishing features of the world's seven continents and five oceans on a map, Locate, name and describe the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and the seas around them.	Locate and name countries in Europe and their major cities on a map. Discuss the environmental regions and key physical and human characteristics of Europe. To know that the Americas consist of the continents of North and South America and start to name the diverse climate and landscapes across these regions Locate and name counties and cities of the United Kingdom and the seas around them. To identify human and physical characteristics of the UK, including rivers and understand how some of these have changed over time.	Locate and name countries in Europe, North America, South America, and their major cities on a map. To talk about the diverse environmental regions and the physical and human characteristics that define Europe, North America, and South America, considering their key physical and human characteristics. To identify and describe UK counties and cities, detailing their human and physical characteristics, key topographical features, and land-use patterns, and explain how these aspects have changed over time. To be able to identify the position and significance of: • latitude and longitude; • Equator; • Northern and Southern Hemispheres; • the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn; • Arctic and Antarctic Circle; • the Prime/Greenwich Meridian and time zones (including day and night).
Place Knowledge	Start to use simple maps and globes, helping them identify where they live in relation to other places. Talk about how there are different countries in the world and talk about the differences they have experienced or seen in photos.	Start to describe differences between a place in the United Kingdom and a place outside of Europe.	Describe similarities and differences through studying the human and physical geography of a small area of the United Kingdom and of a small area in a contrasting non-European country.	Describe what is similar and what is different (human and physical geography) between a region in a European country, and a region within North or South America	Analyse the geographical similarities and differences by examining both human and physical geography in a region of the United Kingdom, a region in a European country, and a region within North or South America, focusing on the impact of economic, and environmental factors on each region.
Human and Physical Geography	To talk about the weather and seasons in the UK and say where it is hot or cold. To describe things in my area like houses, schools, rivers, and hills.	Discuss weather and seasons in the United Kingdom and explain where hot and cold places are.	To be able to identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom. To be able to identify hot and cold areas of the world in	Describe and understand key aspects of physical geography including: the water cycle. To develop their ability to describe and understand key aspects of human geography, including: • types of settlement and land use.	I can describe and understand key aspects of physical geography including: • climate zones • biomes and vegetation belts I can describe and understand key aspects of human geography, including:

		Describe simple physical and human features of my local area e.g., houses, schools, river(s) and hills.	relation to the Equator and the North and South Poles. To use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to key physical features: beach, cliff, coast, forest, hill, mountain, sea, ocean, river, soil, valley, vegetation, season and weather.	 economic activity including trade links. the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals, and water. 	 types of settlement and land use. economic activity including trade links. the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water.
			To use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to key human features: city, town, village, factory, farm, house, office, port, harbour and shop.		
Geographical skills and	I can start to use basic maps and globes to find places.	I can use maps, atlases and globes to find the United Kingdom and its countries, as well	I can use maps, atlases and globes to find locations related to our topics.	I am developing my ability to use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied.	I can use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied.
fieldwork	I can start to say where things are on a map. I can make simple maps. I can look at photos and talk about places around my school.	as some other countries, continents and oceans. I can use simple compass directions (North, South, East, West) and direction words to show places on a map. I can use and begin to make simple maps. I can observe and describe the geography	I can use compass directions (North, South, East, West) and direction words to describe features and routes on a map. I can use aerial photographs to recognise landmarks and make simple maps with a simple key. I can observe and describe the geography of my local area and the significant landmarks.	I can start to use the 8 points of a compass, 4-figure grid references, symbols and keys (including the use of Ordnance Survey maps) to build my knowledge of the United Kingdom and the wider world.	I can use the 8 points of a compass, 4 and 6-figure grid references, symbols and keys (including the use of Ordnance Survey maps) to build my knowledge of the United Kingdom and the wider world.
		of my school and the area around it, including using photographs to recognise landmarks.	Significant fundinarks.		