Geography

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Geographical Skills and Fieldwork	 Ask simple geographical questions e.g. What is it like to live in this place? Use simple observational skills to study the geography of the school and its grounds Use simple maps of the local area e.g. large scale, pictorial etc. Use locational and directional language (e.g. near and far; left and right) to describe the location of features and routes Make simple maps and plans e.g. pictorial place in a story 	 Use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the United Kingdom and its countries, continents and occans studied at this key stage Use simple compass directions (North, South, East and West) and locational and directional language e.g. near and far; left and right, to describe the location of features and routes on a map Use aerial photographs and plan perspectives to recognise landmarks and basic human and physical features; devise a simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of their school and physical features of its surrounding environment 	hold different views about an issue and begin to understand some of the reasons why	 Understand and use a widening range of geographical terms e.g. specific topic vocabulary - contour, height, valley, erosion, deposition, transportation, headland, volcances, earthquakes etc. Measure straight line distances using the appropriate scale Explore features on OS maps using 6 figure grid references Draw accurate maps with more complex keys Plan the steps and strategies for an enquiry 	 Understand and use a widening range of geographical terms e.g. specific topic vocabulary – climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts, rivers, mountains, volcances and earthquakes, and the water cycle 	 Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate contries and describe features studied Use the eight points of a compass, four and six-figure grid references, symbols and key (including the use of Ordnance Survey maps) to build his/her knowledge of the United Kingdom and the wider world Use fieldwork to observe, measure, record and present the human and physical features in the local area using a range of methods, including sketch maps, plans and graphs, and digital technologies Understand and use a widening range of geographical terms e.g. specific topic vocabulary - urban, rural, land use, sustainability, tributary, trade links etc. Use maps, charts etc. to support decision making about the location of places e.g. new bypass
Locational Knowledge	 Understand how some places are linked to other places e.g. roads, trains 	 Name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans Name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom Name, locate and identify characteristics of the seas surrounding the United Kingdom 	 Identify where counties are within the UK and the key topographical features Name and locate the cities of the UK 	 Recognise the different shapes of continents Demonstrate knowledge of features about places around him/her and beyond the UK Identify where countries are within Europe; including Russia Recognise that people have differing quality of life living in different locations and environments Know how the locality is set within a wider geographical context 	 Identify and describe the significance of the Prime/Greenwich Meridian and time zones including day and night Recognise the different shapes of countries Identify the physical characteristics and key topographical features of the countries within North America Know about the wider context of places e.g. county, region and country Know and describe where a variety of places are in relation to physical and human features Know location of: capital cities of countries of British Isles and U.K., Seas around U.K., European Union countries with high populations and large areas and the largest cities in each continent 	 Locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on Europe (including the location of Russia) and North and South America, concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries, and major cities Name and locate counties and cities of the United Kingdom, geographical regions and their identifying human and physical characteristics, key topographical features (including hills, mountains, coasts and rivers), and land-use patterns; and understand how some of these aspects have changed over time Identify the position and significance of latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic Circle, the Prime/Greenwich Meridian and time zones (including day and night)

Human and Physical Geography	• Describe seasonal weather changes	 Identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom and the location of hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South Poles Use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to key physical features, including: beach, cliff, coast, forest, hill, mountain, sea, ocean, river, soil, valley, vegetation, season and weather Use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to key human features, including: city, town, village, factory, farm, house, office, port, harbour and shop 	 Identify physical and human features of the locality Explain about weather conditions / patterns around the UK and parts of Europe 	 Describe human features of UK regions, cities and /or counties Understand the effect of landscape features on the development of a locality Describe how people have been affected by changes in the environment Explain about key natural resources e.g. water in the locality Explore weather patterns around parts of the world 	 Understand about weather patterns around the world and relate these to climate zones Know how rivers erode, transport and deposit materials Know about the physical features of coasts and begin to understand erosion and deposition Understand how humans affect the environment over time Know about changes to world environments over time Understand why people seek to manage and sustain their environment 	 Describe and understand key aspects of physical geography, including: climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts, rivers, mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes, and the water cycle Describe and understand key aspects of human geography, including: types of settlement and land use, economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water
Place Knowledge	 Name, describe and compare familiar places Link their homes with other places in their local community Know about some present changes that are happening in the local environment e.g. at school Suggest ideas for improving the school environment 	 Understand geographical 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 	 Recognise there are similarities and differences between places Develop an awareness of how places relate to each other 	 Know about the wider context of places - region, country Understand why there are similarities and differences between places 	 Compare the physical and human features of a region of the UK and a region in North America, identifying similarities and differences 	 Understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom, a region in a European country, and a region within North or South America