GEOGRAPHY CURRICULUM PROGRESSION OF SKILLS



	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Geographical Enquiry	Teacher led enquiries, to ask and respond to simple closed questions.	Children encouraged to ask simple geographical questions; Where is it? What is it like?	Begin to ask/initiate geographical questions.	Ask and respond to questions and offer their own ideas.	Begin to suggest questions for investigating.	Suggest questions for investigating.
Liiquiiy	Use information books/pictures as sources of information. Investigate their local surroundings. Make observations about where things are e.g. within school or local area.	Use non-fiction books, stories, maps, pictures/photos and the internet as sources of information. Investigate their local surroundings Make appropriate observations about why things happen. Make simple comparisons between features of different places.	Use non-fiction books, stories, atlases, pictures/photos and the internet as sources of information. Investigate places and themes at more than one scale. Begin to collect and record evidence. Analyse evidence and begin to draw conclusions e.g. make comparisons between two locations using photos, pictures and temperatures in different locations.	Use non-fiction books, stories, atlases, pictures, satellite image and photographs - including aerial - as sources of information. Investigate places and themes at more than one scale. Collect and record evidence with some aid. Analyse evidence and draw conclusions e.g. make comparisons between locations photos/pictures/ maps.	Begin to use primary and secondary sources of evidence in their investigations. Investigate places with more emphasis on the larger scale; contrasting and distant places. Collect and record evidence independently. Analyse evidence and draw conclusions e.g. compare historical maps of varying scales or comparing the temperature of various locations and its influence on people/everyday life.	Use primary and secondary sources of evidence in their investigations. Investigate places with more emphasis on the larger scale; contrasting and distant places Collect and record evidence independently. Analyse evidence and draw conclusions e.g. from field work data on land use comparing land use/temperature, look at patterns and explain reasons behind it.
Direction / Location	Follow directions (e.g. up, down, left and right)	Consolidate directions. Consolidate cardinal directions (N-E-S-W).	Use compass points to follow/give directions. Use letter and number coordinates to locate features on a map.	Use four compass points consistently. Begin to use 8 compass points. Use number and letter coordinates to locate features on a map confidently. Begin to use 4 figure coordinates to locate features on a map.	Use 8 compass points. Use 4 figure coordinates confidently to locate features on a map. Begin to use 6 figure grid references; using latitude and longitude on atlas maps.	Use 8 compass points confidently and accurately. Use 4 figure coordinates confidently to locate features on a map. Begin use 6 figure grid references; using latitude and longitude on atlas maps.

Drawing Maps Representation	Draw picture maps of imaginary places and from stories. Create maps using objects Attempt simple maps of the school with support Use own symbols on imaginary map.	Draw a map of a real or imaginary place. (e.g. add detail to a sketch map from aerial photograph) Begin to understand the need for a key. Use class agreed symbols to make a simple key.	Try to make a map of a short route experienced, with features in correct order. Try to make a simple scale drawing. Know why a key is needed. Use standard symbols.	Make a map of a short route experienced, with features in correct order. Make a simple scale drawing. Know why a key is needed. Begin to recognise symbols on an OS map.	Begin to draw a variety of thematic maps based on their own data. Draw a sketch map using symbols and a key. Use/recognise OS map symbols.	Draw a variety of thematic maps based on their own data. Begin to draw plans of increasing complexity. Use/recognise OS map symbols. Use atlas symbols.
Using Maps	Use a simple picture map to move around the school. Recognise that a picture map is about a place. Look at street maps of known places.	Follow a route on a map (e.g. walking to the library) Use a plan view. Use an infant atlas to locate places.	Locate places on larger scale maps e.g. map of Europe. Follow a route on a map with some accuracy. (e.g. whilst orienteering)	Locate places on large scale maps, (e.g. Find UK or India on globe) Follow a route on a large-scale map.	Compare maps with aerial photographs. Select a map for a specific purpose. (E.g. Pick atlas to find Taiwan, OS map to find local village.) Begin to use atlases to find out about other features of places. (e.g. find wettest part of the world)	Follow a short route on an OS map. Describe features shown on OS map. Locate places on a world map. Use atlases to find out about other features of places. (e.g. mountain regions, weather patterns)
Scale and Distance	Use relative vocabulary (e.g. bigger/smaller, like/dislike)	Begin to spatially match places (e.g. recognise UK on small scale and larger scale map)	Begin to match boundaries. (e.g. find same boundary of a country on different scale maps.)	Continue to match boundaries (e.g. find same boundary of a country on different scale maps)	Measure straight-line distance on a plan. Find and recognise places on maps of different scales. (e.g. Amazon River)	Use a scale to measure distances Draw/use maps and plans at a range of scales.
Map Knowledge	Learn names of some places within/around the UK. (e.g. home town, cities, countries) Talk about places they have been on holiday Begin to learn the 7 continents and 5 oceans	Locate and name on UK map major features (e.g. London, River Thames, Home Location, Seas) Name and locate the 4 countries and capital cities of UK and the surrounding seas.	Begin to identify points on maps A,B, and C. Recognise and locate places previously studied.	Begin to identify significant places and environments. Identify and discuss previously learnt locations	Identify significant places and environments. Identify and discuss previously learnt locations.	Confidently identify significant places and environments. Identify and discuss previously learnt locations.
Style of Maps	Use picture maps and globes. Use Google Earth	Use a globe to find land and sea. Use teacher drawn base maps. Use large-scale OS maps. Use an infant atlas. Use Google Earth	Use large-scale OS maps. Begin to use map sites on internet. Begin to use a junior atlas. Begin to identify features on ariel/oblique photographs.	Use medium scale land ranger OS maps. Use a junior atlas. Use map sites on the internet.	Use index and contents pages within atlases. Use medium scale land ranger OS maps.	Use OS Maps. Confidently use an atlas. Recognise world map as flattened globe.