



## Curriculum Milestones Year Groups Subject - Geography

	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	End of KS1 (NC)
	ELG	Milestones	Milestones	Milestones
Key Milestones	Understanding the World  ELG: People, Culture and Communities  - Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, non-fiction texts and maps.  - Explain some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries, drawing on knowledge from stories, non-fiction texts and – when appropriate – maps.  ELG: The Natural World  - Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants;  - Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments.	Name the four countries in the United Kingdom and their capitals.  Begin to make comparisons of the above.  Use locational and geographical language  Know about seasonal and daily weather patterns	Name the seven continents of the world and the four major oceans.  Compare the physical and human features of Nairobi to our own town (Halesowen or Walsall).	
Threshold Concept: To investigate places		Through the study of London, Cardiff, Edinburgh and Belfast:  Ask and answer geographical questions (such as: What is this place like? What	Through the study of Halesowen/Walsall and Nairobi:  Ask and answer geographical	Use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of their school and its grounds and the key human and physical features

	or who will I see in this place? What do people do in this place?)  Use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of the school and the key human and physical features of its surrounding environment.  Name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas.  Identify the key features of a location in order to say whether it is a city, town, village, coastal or rural area.  Use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the United Kingdom and its countries.  Use aerial images to recognise	questions (such as: What is this place like? What or who will I see in this place? What do people do in this place?)  Name and locate the world's continents and oceans.  Identify the key features of a location in order to say whether it is a city, town, village, coastal or rural area.  Use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the United Kingdom and its countries, as well as the countries, continents and oceans studied.  Use aerial images and plan perspectives to recognise landmarks and basic human and	of its surrounding environment.  Name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas  Name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans  Use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the United Kingdom and its countries, as well as the countries, continents and oceans studied at this key stage.  Use aerial photographs and plan perspectives to
Threshold Concept: To investigate patterns	Identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom	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.  Understand geographical similarities and differences through studying the human and physical geography of the United Kingdom and of a contrasting non-European country.	recognise landmarks and basic human and physical features.  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.  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
Threshold Concept: To communicate geographically	Use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to key physical features, including: beach, hill, mountain, ocean, river, soil, valley, and weather. key human features, including: city, town, village, factory, house, office and shop.  Use locational language (e.g. near and far) to describe the location of features and routes on a map.	Use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to  key physical features, including: beach, coast, forest, hill, mountain, ocean, river, soil, valley, vegetation and weather. key human features, including: city, town, village, factory, farm, house, office and shop.  Use compass directions (north, south, east and west) and locational language (e.g. near and far) to describe the location of features and routes on a map.  Devise a simple map; and use and construct basic symbols in a key.  Use simple grid references (A1, B1).	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 key human features, including: city, town, village, factory, farm, house, office, port, harbour and shop.  Use simple compass directions (North, South, East and West) and locational and directional language [for example, near and far; left and right], to describe the location of features and routes on a map  Devise a simple map; and use and construct basic symbols in a key



**Curriculum Milestones KS2 Phase and Year Groups** 

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	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	End of KS2 (NC)
	Milestones	Milestones	Milestones	Milestones	
Key Milestones	Identify the human and physical features of Wales inc. describing the features of rivers and mountains.  Use 4 points of compass.  Use 4 figure grid reference.	Compare the similarities and differences of Iceland and Italy.  Use 8 points of compass.  Explain all stages of the water cycle.	Define the following: Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic Circle and date time zones  Use a 6 figure grid reference.  Describe how natural disasters have physical and human impacts.	Describe 6 main biomes.  Identify the climate, plants, habitats, animals and how people live in the Amazon Rainforest.	
Threshold Concept:	Through the study of Wales:	Through the study of Iceland and Italy:	Through the study of Japan and New Zealand:	Through a study of The Amazon:	Locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on
To investigate places	Ask and answer geographical questions about the physical and human characteristics of a location.  Explain own views about locations	Ask and answer geographical questions about the physical and human characteristics of a location.  Explain own views about locations, giving reasons.	Begin to identify and describe how the physical features affect the human activity within a location.  Collect and analyse statistics and other information in order to begin	Identify and describe how the physical features affect the human activity within a location.  Collect and analyse statistics and other information in order to draw	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
	Use maps, atlases and globes to locate countries and describe features.  Use fieldwork to observe	Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features.  Use fieldwork to observe	information in order to begin to draw conclusions about locations.  Use a range of geographical resources to give descriptions and opinions of the characteristic features of	information in order to draw clear conclusions about locations.  Use a range of geographical resources to give detailed descriptions and opinions of the characteristic features of	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

	and record the human and physical features in the local area using a range of methods including sketch maps and plans.  Use a range of resources to identify the key physical and human features of a location  Name and locate counties and cities of the United Kingdom, geographical regions and their identifying human and physical characteristics, including hills, mountains, cities, rivers, key topographical features and land-use patterns; and understand how some of these aspects have changed over time.	and record the human and physical features in the local area using a range of methods including sketch maps, plans and graphs and digital technologies.  Use a range of resources to identify the key physical and human features of a location.  Name and locate the countries of Europe and identify their main physical and human characteristics, including hills, mountains, rivers, key topographical features and land-use patterns; and understand how some of these aspects have changed over time.	a location.  Use different types of fieldwork sampling (random and systematic) to observe, measure and record the human and physical features in the local area. Record the results in a range of ways.  Analyse and give views on the effectiveness of different geographical representations of a location (such as aerial images compared with maps and topological maps.  Name and locate some of the countries and cities of the world and their identifying human and physical characteristics, including hills, mountains, rivers, key topographical features and land-use patterns; and understand how some of these aspects have changed over time.	a location.  Use different types of fieldwork sampling (random and systematic) to observe, measure and record the human and physical features in the local area. Record the results in a range of ways.  Analyse and give views on the effectiveness of different geographical representations of a location (such as aerial images compared with maps and topological maps.  Name and locate the countries of North and South America and identify their main physical and human characteristics, including hills, mountains, rivers, key topographical features and land-use patterns; and understand how some of these aspects have changed over time.	land-use patterns; and understand how some of these aspects have changed over time  Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied  *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.
Threshold Concept: To investigate patterns		Describe geographical similarities and differences between countries.	Name and locate the Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic Circle and date time zones.  Describe some of	Identify and describe the geographical significance of latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic Circle, and time zones (including day and night).  Understand some of the	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). Understand geographical

			the characteristics of these geographical areas.  Describe how locations around the world are changing and explain some of the reasons for change	reasons for geographical similarities and differences between countries.  Describe geographical diversity across the world. Describe how countries and geographical regions are interconnected and interdependent.	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.
Threshold Concept: To communicate geographically	Describe key aspects of: physical geography, including: rivers and mountains, human geography, including: settlements and land use.  Use the four points of a compass, four-figure grid references, symbols and key to communicate knowledge of the United Kingdom.	Describe key aspects of: physical geography, including: rivers, mountains, volcanoes and the water cycle. human geography, including: settlements and land use.  Use the eight points of a compass, four-figure grid references, symbols and key to communicate knowledge of the United Kingdom and the wider world.	Describe and understand key aspects of: physical geography, including: climate zones,, rivers, mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes and the water cycle. human geography, including: settlements, land use, economic activity including trade links,  Use the eight points of a compass, six-figure grid references, symbols and a key to communicate knowledge of the United Kingdom and the world. Create maps of locations identifying patterns (such as: climate zones, height of land).	Describe and understand key aspects of: physical geography, including: climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts, rivers, mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes and the water cycle. human geography, including: settlements, land use, economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals, and water supplies.  Use the eight points of a compass, six-figure grid references, symbols and a key (that uses standard Ordnance Survey symbols) to communicate knowledge of the United Kingdom and the world.  Create maps of locations identifying patterns (such as: land use, climate zones, population densities, height of land).	Describe and understand key aspects of: physical geography, including: climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts, rivers, mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes, and the water cycle. 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 supplies.  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 their knowledge of the United Kingdom and the wider world.