

GEOGRAPHY

In geography, children study the surface of the Earth and the people who live on it. Our curriculum has a 'spiral' structure, meaning that the same topics are often revisited, each time in greater depth and with examples drawn from different regions of the world. As a result, children develop a secure grasp of major topics in both physical and human geography as well as of the locations of important natural and man-made features. We prioritise children's ability to understand geographical terminology and to articulate their geographical knowledge precisely and concisely.

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 1	People and places Planet Earth	Globes, maps and atlases	Continents	Oceans and seas	Weather and seasons	Mountains, hills and valleys
Year 2	What is geography? Deserts and forests		Rivers and coasts	World geography	The UK Settlement types	Mapwork Our local area
Year 3	Planet Earth and the seasons Maps, direction and location	Oceans, seas, continents and coasts The water cycle and rivers	Climate The Earth's crust and volcanoes	Settlement The UK, especially England and Scotland	Wales and Northern Ireland Europe, especially France, Spain, Italy and Portugal	Europe, especially Germany and the Low Countries
Year 4	Maps, direction and location The seasons The United Kingdom and the Union Jack	England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland Longitude, latitude and coordinates	Climate Mountains Rivers Oceans and seas	Coastlines and islands Settlement, population and the census London	Industry (primary, secondary and tertiary) Farming (arable, pastoral, intensive and organic)	International trade and the United Kingdom Caring for the environment

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Year 5	<p>Maps, direction, longitude and latitude</p> <p>The seasons</p> <p>Oceans, seas, coastlines and islands</p>	<p>Structure of the Earth</p> <p>Mountains, glaciation, volcanoes and earthquakes</p> <p>The water cycle</p>	<p>Rivers, including rivers of Europe</p> <p>Climate, including Europe's climate</p>	<p>Settlement</p> <p>Countries</p> <p>The European Union</p> <p>Industry (primary, secondary and tertiary)</p>	<p>Caring for the environment</p> <p>The Republic of Ireland</p> <p>France</p>	<p>Germany</p> <p>The Netherlands</p>
Year 6	<p>Geography and reading maps</p> <p>The seasons</p> <p>Time zones</p> <p>Latitude and longitude</p>	<p>The Earth's structure</p> <p>The rock cycle, mountains, glacial landforms, volcanoes, earthquakes and tsunamis</p>	<p>Rivers: the upper, middle and lower courses</p> <p>Rivers of the world</p>	<p>Climate and climate zones of the world: tropical, arid, polar, mountain, temperate and Mediterranean</p>	<p>Settlement, site of settlement, land use and migration</p>	<p>International development and improving development</p> <p>International trade</p> <p>Caring for our environment</p>