



Domains of knowledge for Primary Geography

Geography is taught as part of our wider curriculum. Pupils will learn about the significance of geographical knowledge and vocabulary, alongside this they will be able to express well-balanced opinions and have an understanding about current and contemporary issues in society and the environment.

Domains

- **Locational knowledge**
- **Place knowledge**
- **Human and physical geography**
- **Geographical skills and fieldwork**

Key Concepts

Locational knowledge

This concept involves an understanding of locational knowledge which helps pupils to:

KS1

1. Name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans.
2. Name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas.

KS2

3. 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.
4. 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.

5. 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)

Place knowledge

This concept builds on locational knowledge. Pupils not only locate a physical area on a map but also attach meaning to the space so it becomes a 'place' with similarities and differences to the places that they are familiar with – their homes, classrooms, town and cities.

1. (KS1) 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.
2. (KS2) 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.

Human and physical geography

This concept refers to a knowledge of physical and human geography processes which help pupils to describe and explain different environments.

It is important that pupils understand how human and physical geography interact.

KS1

1. 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.
2. 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.

KS2

3. 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.

Geographical skills and fieldwork

KS1

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. Use aerial photographs and plan perspectives to recognise landmarks and basic human and physical features; devise a simple map; and use and construct basic symbols in a key.
4. Use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of their school and its grounds and the key human and physical features of its surrounding environment.

KS2

5. Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied.
6. 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.
7. 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.