

# **Geography Policy**

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### The Purpose of the Geography Policy

This policy outlines the teaching and learning of Geography. All children will have the opportunity to undertake Geography throughout their time at Firs Primary School. The teaching of Geography is planned to ensure a progression of knowledge and skills across the foundation and primary phases.

### Aims (Intent)

The national curriculum for geography aims to ensure that all pupils:

- Develop contextual knowledge of the location of globally significant places both terrestrial and marine - including their defining physical and human characteristics and how these provide a geographical context for understanding the actions of processes
- Understand the processes that give rise to key physical and human geographical features of the world, how these are interdependent and how they bring about spatial variation and change over time
- Are competent in the geographical skills needed to:
  - Collect, analyse and communicate with a range of data gathered through experiences of fieldwork that deepen their understanding of geographical processes
  - Interpret a range of sources of geographical information, including maps, diagrams, globes, aerial photographs and Geographical Information Systems (GIS)
  - Communicate geographical information in a variety of ways, including through maps, numerical and quantitative skills and writing at length.

We enhance the geography curriculum by ensuring, that in addition the statutory content, most topics contain an element of learning related to climate and environmental issues. This makes our curriculum relevant to the needs our children today and to help them become responsible citizens of the future, as stated in the 'My Planet' aspect of our school curriculum intent.

In order to meet the needs of all our pupils a focus is placed on vocabulary. Tier 1, tier 2 and tier 3 vocabulary is identified for each subject and is explicitly taught within a meaningful context. We aim to provide enhanced opportunities for children by exposing children to the best that has been thought, written, said and done. Furthermore, within Geography there are opportunities to develop oracy skills through debate, questioning and expression of opinions. In order to broaden the experiences of our locality and beyond, we provide enrichment opportunities for all pupils in school.

### Implementation

We use the National Curriculum to ensure that the sequence of learning supports children to embed and retain the programmes of study. This is supported by the DDAT progression document which maps out the statutory requirements and skills at each phase. Within EYFS the school has produced a document which runs alongside the DDAT document to ensure that there is a clear sequence of learning from Early Years into Key Stage One.

Long term plans are produced to ensure that the statutory programmes of study from the National Curriculum are mapped out across the school. The core skills and knowledge are identified under the four headings: Locational Knowledge; Place Knowledge; Human and Physical Geography; and Geographical skills and Fieldwork.

Geography is taught within a meaningful context within topic headings to provide a systematic approach to learning. Over a two year rolling cycle, geography is taught most terms to ensure that coverage is met.

We adapt and tailor our curriculum to ensure that children's different starting points are recognised and are accordingly planned for. To ensure that the most disadvantaged and SEND children are experiencing a broad and balanced curriculum we use clear differentiation, explicit vocabulary teaching, visual symbols and modelled opportunities to scaffold children's learning.

Learning is recorded in pupils' individual topic books across the school. Whole class topic books are used to record the practical and discussion based learning not documented in individual books. At the end of a unit of learning children are assessed against the core skills and these teacher assessments are recorded within the curriculum documents.

### Assessment and Recording of Work

Teachers use formative assessment throughout lessons (e.g. observations and assessment) and adapt teaching accordingly to address any misconceptions that may arise. Also, at the end of the topic, teachers complete a summative assessment based on whether children have demonstrated through their work that they have met the national curriculum objectives and progression guidance for their phase. This helps the subject leader to monitor progress and attainment in Geography across the school.

Children in the Early Years Foundation Stage (Reception and Nursery) are assessed using the Early Years Development Matters guidance and at the end of the reception years against the Early Learning Goals. EYFS objectives within the areas of communication and language, personal, social, and emotional development, mathematics and understanding the world all contribute to laying the foundations for effective learning in Geography throughout the primary phase.

A variety of methods are used to record work in Geography, including writing, labelling, maps, pictures, structured worksheets, photographs, school displays and the occasional video recording. Work may be recorded in individual topic books, or in whole class topic books. Geography teaching can also help to further develop oracy skills and will include discussion based lessons which may not be recorded in writing.

### Resources

Topic boxes have been assembled with resources for each topic, which are kept centrally.

Phase teams also have their own annual budget which allows them to purchase any additional materials and equipment they may need to deliver the national curriculum objectives.

### **Monitoring and Review**

The monitoring of the standards of children's work and of the quality of teaching in Geography is the responsibility of the Geography subject leader. The work of the subject leader also involves supporting colleagues in the teaching of Geography, being informed about current developments in the subject, and providing a strategic lead and direction for the subject in the school. The Geography subject leader also

undertakes lesson observations of the teaching of Geography across the school, reviews evidence of the children's work and conducts both pupil and teacher voice discussions.

Appendix: Geography Knowledge and Skills Map

### **Firs Primary School**

# Subject Curriculum and Progression

### Geography

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plants and explain
why some things
occur, and talk
about changes.
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ocean, river, soil, valley, vegetation, season and weather

- key human features, Inc. city, town, village, factory, farm, house, office, port, harbour, shop
- 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 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
- 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
- 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

- 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
- use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries 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 their 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

Key Learning (Knowledge)	<ul> <li>Enchanted Woodland         <ul> <li>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</li> </ul> </li> <li>Moon Zoom         <ul> <li>name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans</li> <li>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</li> <li>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</li> </ul> </li> <li>Muck, Mess and Mixtures</li> <li>Rio de Vida Local area contrast with Brazil, including a focus on the following:</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Gods and Mortals</li> <li>Urban Pioneers <ul> <li>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</li> </ul> </li> <li>I am Warrior <ul> <li>Predator</li> <li>Comparing human and physical features; the Cornish coast, the Amazon rainforest, the Swiss Alps.</li> <li>use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied</li> <li>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</li> <li>understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom, a region</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>A Child's War <ul> <li>use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied</li> <li>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</li> </ul> </li> <li>Hola Mexico <ul> <li>Human and physical geography of Mexico</li> <li>use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied</li> <li>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</li> <li>describe and understand key aspects of:</li> <li>physical geography, including: climate zones, biomes and</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<ul> <li>use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to:</li> <li>key physical features, including: beach, cliff, coast, forest, hill, mountain, sea, ocean, river, soil, valley, vegetation, season and weather</li> <li>key human features, Inc. city, town, village, factory, farm, house, office, port, harbour,</li> </ul>	Tribal Tales Heroes and Villains Tremors Physical geography: Volcanoes and earthquakes • use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied • describe and understand key aspects of physical geography, including:	Circle, the Prime/ Greenwich Meridian and time zones (including day and night) • physical geography, including: climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts, rivers, mountains, and the water cycle Revolution Bloodheart Darwin's Delights Locational knowledge and physical
shop • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes. <b>Traders and Raiders</b> • 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-	<ul> <li>geography</li> <li>describe and understand key aspects of:</li> <li>physical geography, including: climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts</li> <li>Off With Her Head</li> </ul>

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			including energy, food, minerals and
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	oceans		•
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landmarks and basic human and physical features; devise a simple map; and use and construct basic symbols in a key

- use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to:
- key physical features, including: beach, cliff, coast, sea, ocean, river
- key human features, Inc, port, harbour,

### Bright Lights, Big City

- name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas
- 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
- 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

#### **Pharohs** Human and Physical geography of Egypt

- use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied
- physical geography, including: climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts, rivers, mountains, 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

### Peasants, Princes and Pestilence

### Time Traveller

 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

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Equator and the North and South Poles

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	surrounding seas <u>Making maps</u> Draw basic maps, including appropriate symbols and pictures to represent places or features Use photographs and maps to identify features	the Equator and the North and South Poles <u>Making maps</u> Draw or make a map of real or imaginary places (e.g. add detail to a sketch map from aerial photograph) Use and construct basic symbols in a key	different scale maps Name & locate the counties and cities of the UK <u>Making maps</u> Try to make a map of a short route experiences, with features in current order Create a simple scale drawing Use standard symbols, and	Draw a sketch map from a high viewpoint	position andsignificance oflines oflongitude &latitudeMaking mapsDraw a variety ofthematic mapsbased on theirown dataDraw a sketchmap usingsymbols and akey,Use and recogniseOS map symbolsregularly	
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Far	Features
Up	Europe
Down	North and South America
Left	Physical and human characteristics
Right	Cities
Forwards	Similarities
Backwards	Differences
	Compare
Moon Zoom	United Kingdom
Near	Digital/computer mapping
Far	Coast
Up	Rainforest
Down	Mountain
Left	Environmental regions
Right	
United Kingdom	Playlist
World	Мар
Countries	Ordnance Survey
Continents	Atlas
Europe	Globe
North/South America	Countries
Antarctica	Features
Australia	North
Africa	South
Asia	East
Seas	West
Oceans	Southwest
Season	Southeast
Seasonal	Northwest
Daily	Northeast
Weather	Compass
Autumn	Directions
Summer	Grid references
Winter	Symbols
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North	Physical geography
South	Mountains
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Atlas	Earthquakes
Globe	Formation
	Lava flow
Rio de Vida	Magma
Human features	Eruption
City	Liquid
Village	Gas
Town	Molten
Shop	Ash
Farm	Smoke
Beach	Tectonic plates
Cliff	Earth's Crust
Coast	Core
Forest	Mantle
Hill	Plate boundary
Mountain	Fault line
Sea	Tsunami
Ocean	
River	Traders and Raiders
Soil	United Kingdom
Valley	County
Vegetation	City
Season	Geographical region
Weather	Human characteristics
City	Physical characteristics
Town	Topography
Village	Hills
Factory	Mountains
Farm	Coasts
House	Rivers
Physical features	Land use
Environment	Human geography

Near	Settlement
Far	Land use
Local area	Economic activity
World	Trade
Countries	Trade links
Continents	Natural resources
Seas	Energy
Oceans	Food
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Atlas	Longitude
Globe	Equator
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South America	Southern Hemisphere
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North	Arctic Circle
South	Antarctic Circle
East	Prime/Greenwich Meridian
West	Time zone
Up	Dαy
Down	Night
Forwards	Physical geography
Backwards	Rivers
Near	Mountains
Far	Water Cycle
Left	Evaporate
Right	Vapor
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Route	Precipitation
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Plan	Snow
Landmarks	Liquid
Human and Physical Features	Sea
Map/Picture map	Lake

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South Pole	
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