

Curriculum Mapping in Geography

KS2 (Years 5–6)

Year	Term	Content	Key Skills	Vocabulary
Year 5	Autumn	Eastern Europe	Using atlas, locating towns, countries, regions, and continents. Comparing physical and human geography	Europe, Continent, Country, Poland, Russia, Human geography, Physical geography, Passport, Itinerary, Tourist, Nuclear power
Year 5	Spring	Mountains	Locating mountain ranges, defining mountains, features of mountains, how they form	Mountain, Valley, Range, Slope, Summit, Outcrop, Face, Ridge, Peak, Plateau, Climate
Year 5	Summer	Maps	Reading maps and atlases. OS Maps, symbols and grid references. Compasses Creating maps	Symbols, Weathering, Route, Globes, Digital, Mapping, Map, Features, Observe, Measure, Record, Thematic
Year 6	Autumn	Changing coasts	Recognise different types of weathering and erosion Formation of coastal features Changes over time	Erosion, Weathering, Deposition, Coast , Bay, Headland, Spit, Dune, Cliff, Arch, Stack , Stump
Year 6	Spring	The Americas	Locate the different countries on a map Describing the physical and human geography Describe the climate zones Compare to local areas Name and locate ancient wonders	Erode, Transport, Deposit, Pollution, Environment, Effect, Landscape, Geographical, Enquiry, Investigate

Year 6	Summer	Rivers	Water cycle Locate key rivers of the UK and the world on maps Features of a river Changes over time Uses of rivers	Water cycle, Evaporation, Condensation, Precipitation, Source, Mouth, Tributary, Valley, Channel, Waterfall, Rapids, Gorge
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KS3 (Years 7–9)

Year	Term	Content	Key Skills	Vocabulary
Year 7	Autumn	Introduction to Geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analysing physical and human features Developing enquiry skills Map skills 	Physical Feature, Human Feature, Atlas, Capital City, Country, Continent, Ocean, Symbol, Scale, Key, Compass, GIS
Year 7	Spring	Weather and climate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fieldwork and enquiry skills Cartographic skills Data and numeracy skills 	Weather, Climate, Hydrological Cycle, Evaporation, Condensation, Precipitation, Forecast, Barometer, Thermometer, Anemometer, Tornado, Hurricane
Year 7	Summer	Africa and Asia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place and locational knowledge Human and physical processes and features 	Population, Life Expectancy, Economy, Literacy, Culture, Tourism, Biome, Population density, Resources, Diverse, Nigeria, Japan
Year 8	Autumn	Volcanoes and earthquakes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place and locational knowledge Physical processes and features 	Core, Mantle, Crust, Plate Tectonics, Volcano, Magma Chamber, Crater, Earthquake, Focus, Epicentre, Seismograph, Tsunami
Year 8	Spring	Population and Urbanisation (may include a project on Brazil)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Human processes Data and numeracy skills 	Population, Birth and Death Rate, Density, Migration, CBD, Urban, Rural, Development, Development gap, Literacy rate, Life expectancy, Sustainable
Year 8	Summer	Globalisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place and locational knowledge Human processes 	Primary Industry, Secondary Industry, Tertiary Industry, Newly Industry Country (NIC), Natural Resources, TNC, Interconnected, Globalisation, Development, Agriculture, HIC, LIC

Year 9	Autumn	Coasts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place and locational knowledge • Physical processes and features • Data and numeracy skills 	Backwash, Fetch, Destructive Wave, Constructive Wave, Longshore Drift, Headland and Bay, Swash, Cave, Arch, Stack and Stump, Spit and Bar, Hard & Soft Engineering, Transportation, Deposition
Year 9	Spring	Rivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place and locational knowledge • Physical processes and features • Data and numeracy skills 	River, Source, Mouth, Confluence, River Course, River / Drainage Basin, Waterfall, Tributary, Flooding, Infiltration, Hydrological cycle, Meander
Year 9	Summer	Ecosystems (Rainforests and hot deserts)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place and locational knowledge • Physical processes and features • Data and numeracy skills 	Biome, Biosphere, Tropical rainforest, Understorey, Canopy, Emergent, Climate Change, Desertification, Arid, Drought, Soil Erosion, Leaching

KS4 (Years 10–11)

Year	Term	Content	Key Skills	Vocabulary
Year 10	Autumn	Challenge of natural hazards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place and locational knowledge • Physical processes and features • Data and numeracy skills 	Climate Change, Milankovitch Cycles, Tropical Cyclone, Coriolis Effect, Enhanced Greenhouse Effect, High Pressure, Global Circulation Model (GCM), Low Pressure, Green House Effect, Weather hazard, Primary Impact, Secondary Impact
Year 10	Spring	Urban issues and challenges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place and locational knowledge • Human processes 	Urban, Rural, Rural to urban, Migration, Urbanisation, Newly Emerging Economy (NEE), Site, Situation, Industrialisation, Deindustrialisation, Urban Decline, Urban Regeneration
Year 10	Summer	Fieldwork	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data and numeracy skills 	Qualitative Techniques, Qualitative Techniques, Data, Primary Data, Secondary

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human & physical processes and features • Data interpretation & analysis 	Data, Sampling, Analysis, Conclusion, Evaluation, Evidence, Pattern, Anomaly
Year 11	Autumn	Changing economic world	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place and locational knowledge • Human processes • Data and numeracy skills 	Development, LIC, Economic, International Aid, FDI, Fair Trade, TNC, Geopolitics, International Trade, Primary Employer, Secondary Employer, Tertiary Employer
Year 11	Spring	Resource management Pre-release material (paper 3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place and locational knowledge • Human processes • Data and numeracy skills 	Non-Renewable Resources, Natural Resources, Fossil Fuels, Fracking, Nuclear Power, Carbon Footprint, Renewable Resources, Geothermal Energy, Hydroelectric Power, Wind Power, Solar Power, Exploit
Year 11	Summer	Exams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revision strategies • Exam skills & technique 	