



Friskney All Saints Church of England Primary School

Curriculum for Geography

Geography Curriculum Intent

At Friskney All Saints Primary School, we are **GEOGRAPHERS!**

We want our children to love geography! We want them to have no limits to what their ambitions are and grow up wanting to be cartographers, town planners, conservationists or weather forecasters. Our aim is that, through the teaching of Geography at Friskney, we provide a purposeful platform for exploring, appreciating and understanding the world in which we live and how it has evolved. We want to ensure that through Geography, pupils are able to explore the relationship between the Earth and its people through the study of place, space and environment. In Geography, pupils in our school will learn the skills of understanding locational knowledge; how and where people fit into its overall structure. We also intend for children to become passionate and knowledgeable about our local community and beyond, by learning through experiences in practical and fieldwork activities. Through their Geography curriculum, we hope to inspire our children to be agents of change in the world.

Geography Curriculum Drivers

Inspiration – Our exciting and engaging Geography curriculum seeks to encourage children's innate curiosity, inspiring a lifelong love of the world around them, sparking creativity and preparing our students for a future that demands adaptability and innovation. Learning opportunities are skilfully adapted to inspire and support all pupils within Friskney and beyond, especially those with SEND, removing barriers and igniting interest in the world around them. Enrichment opportunities, for example local and residential visits are carefully planned to engage learners and help them explore the geography of different areas. Our curriculum is designed to be irresistible so that pupils are encouraged to realise their gifts as geographers

Excellence - Our ambitious Geography curriculum is designed to ensure that every child reaches their full potential and always striving for excellence. Each year, the children's identified learning builds upon previously taught content through clearly mapped out, sequential units which detail the substantive and disciplinary knowledge. We prioritise vocabulary acquisition, employing a systematic and explicit approach to the teaching of vocabulary in every subject and timely retrieval opportunities are carefully planned and scaffolded throughout our curriculum enabling children to strengthen and remember previously taught knowledge.

Exploration –We encourage pupils to explore what it means to be part of Friskney, as well as Modern Britain and the wider world. Helping our children to be inquisitive and questioning of their learning enables inquisitive thinking, investigation, independence and problem solving. Curriculum design is focussed on developing **oracy** and **reading**, allowing pupils to explore and strengthen *existing and new* knowledge across all aspects of the curriculum. Through fieldwork opportunities, children explore geographical concepts and analyse trends and patterns. Through a strong framework of personal development, we ensure pupils understand who they are and are well prepared and eager for the next stage of their education.

Geography Implementation

EYFS

Characteristics	Children will engage in their learning through the characteristics of effective teaching and learning.
of effective learning	The three characteristics of effective teaching and learning are:
	 Playing and exploring – children investigate and experience things and have a go
	 Active learning – children concentrate and keep on trying if they encounter difficulties and enjoy achievements
	Creating and thinking critically – children have and develop their own ideas, make links between their ideas and develop
	strategies for doing things
Educational	Understanding the World – statutory framework
Programme	Understanding the world involves guiding children to make sense of their physical world and their community. The frequency and range of children's personal experiences increases their knowledge and sense of the world around them – from visiting parks, libraries and museums to meeting important members of society such as police officers, nurses and firefighters. In addition, listening to a broad
	selection of stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems will foster their understanding of our culturally, socially, technologically and ecologically diverse world. As well as building important knowledge, this extends their familiarity with words that support understanding across domains. Enriching and widening children's vocabulary will support later reading comprehension.
Development	Talk about members of their community
Matters	(Dedicated talk time, share information about local community heroes and people who help us, invite local heroes into school)
Reception	Draw information from a simple map
Statements	(look at environment, introduce new vocabulary, familiarise children with road/village the school is located, look at aerial views of school
(Examples of	setting and wider areas and recognise feature, compare and contrast similarities and differences of areas)
what this	Understand that some places are special to members of their community
could look	(Name and explain purposes of different buildings, take children on visits of our local area)
like)	Recognise some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in different countries
	(Teach children about places of the world that contrast with locations they know, use relevant, specific vocabulary to describe contrasting locations, use images/video-clips/shared texts and other resources to bring the wider world into the classroom, dedicated talk time and sharing observations)
	Explore the natural world around them

	(provide frequent opportunities for outdoor play and exploration, create opportunities to discuss how we care for our natural world
	around us, offer opportunities to sing songs and join in with rhymes, draw pictures of the natural world e.g animals and plants)
	Describe what they see, hear and feel whilst outside
	(encourage observations of the natural world, listen to children describing things they have seen outside, name and describe different
	plants and animals that they might see in different areas)
	Recognise some environments that are different to the one in which they live
	(teach children about a range of contrasting environments both local or national, model vocabulary needed to name specific features of
	the natural world and man-made, share non-fiction texts that share an insight into contrasting environments, children communicate
	their understanding through play, role-play etc)
	Understand the effect of changing seasons on the natural world around them
	(guide children's attention to weather and seasonal features, provide opportunities for children to record the weather, select texts to
	share about changing seasons, throughout the year give children many opportunities to observe these changes first hand)
End of year	Understanding the World
Expectations:	ELG: People, Culture and Communities
(ELG)	Children at the expected level of development will:
	 Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, non-fiction texts and maps; Know some similarities and differences between different religious and cultural communities in this country, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class;
	- Explain some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries, drawing on
	ELG: The Natural World
	Children at the expected level of development will:
	- 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, drawing on their experiences and what has been
	read in class;
	- Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter.
Vocabulary:	Vocabulary – enriching and widening (subject specific relating to overarching topics)
	Geographical vocabulary children will be exposed to:
	Village, town, city, country, world, globe, Earth, near, far, map, symbol, key, path, street, road, bridge, field, farm, animals, shops,
	building, sea, river, lake, stream, forest, woods, weather and seasons, park, beach, jungle, desert, rainforest, polar region, landmark, man-made, natural, aerial, location, area, similarities, differences)

KS1 and KS2 Curriculum Year A

Terms	Y1/2	Why this? Why now?	Year 3/4	Why this? Why now?	Year 5/6 focus	Why this? Why now?
Autumn	Focus Continents and Oceans	Using a world map to start recognising continents and oceans, children learn the names and locations of the world's five oceans and seven continents. This builds on EYFS 'Explain some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries'. It leads to further learning in KS2 about studies of areas in other continents: Australia and Boston USA. Using a world map is supported with the 'Lyfta time' that school timetable weekly where children focus in on how people from all over the world live their lives.	focus Mountains, Volcanoes and Earthquakes	Children learn that the earth is constructed in layers and the crust is divided into tectonic plates. They study the formation and distribution of the volcanoes and earthquakes. They use Mt Saint Helens as an example, which acts as a precursor to the Boston to Boston unit. It is taught alongside the science on Rocks and soils.	Boston to Boston	Comparison of local area with the town in the USA that shares the same name. Considering the human and physical geography of both areas. Builds on the earlier location studies - 'Bien Venue en France' in Y3/4 and 'Australia' in Y1/2.
Spring	Weather	Children learn about the weather in the UK including seasonal and daily weather patterns, where the warmest/coldest places in the UK are and the wettest/driest. This builds on the EYFS exploration of the seasons and the previous unit on continents and oceans. It leads to the Y3/4 unit on rainforests and the Y5/6 unit on natures energy.	Rainforests	Developing an understanding of biomes, ecosystems and tropics; mapping features of the amazon rainforest and learning about its layers. Discussing the global, human impact on the Amazon. This builds on 'Continents and Oceans' and links to our PSHE and science focus on the deforestation and global citizenship. This leads to further learning about Biomes and vegetation in Y5/6.	Where does our food come from?	Links to our local context as a farming community. Mapping food imports from around the world; learning about trading fairly, and the argument of 'local versus global'. Links with the 'Biomes and vegetation' unit in Year B
Summer	Australia Vs UK	Links with 'Continents and oceans' unit and builds on the world map work from Autumn term. This time with a focus on comparing Lincolnshire with rural Australia. Children identify physical features of using aerial photographs and maps before identifying human features, through exploring land-use. They compare the human and physical features of Australia to features in the local area. It will lead to studies of other	Bien Venue en France	This unit is designed to support our languages curriculum, with a focus on France. Children develop their understanding of geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography within Laval, a rural and agricultural region in France twinned with Boston.	Fieldwork/Mapwork	Observing, measuring, recording and presenting their own fieldwork study of the local area. Comparing features in the local area using OS maps. Learning the eight compass points, four and 6 figure grid references. Builds on and revisits the names and locating the continents of our world in the unit 'continents and oceans' in Y1/2 and also builds on the fieldwork

countries in KS2 - 'Bien Venue en		aspect of the local study of Friskney
France' in Y3/4 and Boston USA in Y 5/6		in Y3/4 and the 'boston to boston'
		unit earlier in the year.

KS1 and KS2 Curriculum Year B

Terms	Y1/2 Focus	Why this? Why now?	Year 3/4 focus	Why this? Why now?	Year 5/6 focus	Why this? Why now?
Autumn	The UK	Children will name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas. This builds on and goes beyond the EYFS 'Describe their immediate environment' and the unit leads into 'The UK and beyond' in Y3/4 and the local studies of Friskney in Y3/4 and Skegness in Y5/6	The UK and beyond	This unit places us within the UK (name and locate counties and cities of the UK). It then looks at where we fit within Europe, (including Russia), and beyond into North and South America focussing on environmental regions, key physical and human features, countries and major cities. It teaches an understanding 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) It builds on Y1/2 units on 'continents and oceans' and 'The UK'. It leads into a closer focussed study of Friskney later in the year, and leads into Biomes and Vegetations in Y5/6	Nature's Energy	Learning about renewable and non-renewable energy sources, distribution of natural resources including energy, food minerals and water, where they come from and their impact on society, the economy, and the environment. It builds on 'Weather', in Y1/2, 'Rainforests' in Y3/4 and leads onto 'Biomes and vegetation' in the following term.
Spring	North and South Poles	Children learn the location of hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South Poles. This builds on the EYFS exploration of similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries. It links to the Y3/4 unit 'UK and beyond' and 'Natures energy' and 'Biomes and vegetation' in Y5/6	Rivers (water cycle)	Learning about rivers; their place in the water cycle, the name and location of major rivers and how they are used. Builds on previous learning in the unit 'weather' in Y1/2 and leads to 'biomes and vegetation' in Y5/6	Biomes and vegetation	Children learn about Biomes as areas of the planet with a similar climate and landscape, where similar animals and plants live. These include rainforest, desert, savannah, grassland, woodland and tundra. Vegetation belts that are home to certain plant species are studied. Builds on 'Continents and oceans' and 'North and south poles' in Y1/2, 'Rainforests' in Y3/4 and 'Nature's Energy' in Y5/6.

Summer	Local	Focus on the school	Local	Local study with a focus on the types of	Local	Local study with a focus on the types of
	Study –	Locating where they live on an aerial	study -	settlement, land use, economic activity	Study -	settlement, land use, economic activity
	The	photograph, recognising features within a	Friskney	including trade links and changes over	Skegness	including tourism. It builds on the local
	school	local context. Creating maps using classroom		time.		studies in Y1/2 and the study of Friskney in
		objects before drawing simple maps of the		It builds on the school study in Y1/2 and		Y3/4
		school grounds. Following simple routes		leads to the local study on Skegness in Y5/6		
		around the school grounds and carrying out				
		an enquiry as to how their playground can be				
		improved. The unit builds on the EYFS				
		exploration of their immediate environment.				
		It develops beyond the school in Y3/4 to look				
		at Friskney as a wider village and in Y5/6 to				
		look beyond Friskney to look at the nearby				
		town of Skegness.				

Key Stage One Geography Curriculum

*Suggested learning questions are not necessarily 1 per lesson, some lessons may cover several questions and some questions may take several lessons.

Term/Unit	National Curriculum	Learning Questions	Substantive Knowledge	Key Vocabulary
Year A - Autumn Term Continents and Oceans	Pupils should develop knowledge about the world, the United Kingdom and their locality. They should understand basic subject-specific vocabulary relating to human and physical	1) What is a globe? (Link to Lyfta time) 2) What are the names and locations of the seven	 A globe represents the world and that a map is a flat representation. (1) There are 7 continents of the world: Europe (where the UK is located) Asia (the largest continent) North America, South America, 	1) Globe Map 2) Continent
Why this why now: Using a world map to start recognising continents and oceans, children learn the names and locations of the world's five oceans and seven continents. This builds on EYFS 'Explain some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries. It leads to further learning in KS2 about studies of areas in other continents: Australia and Boston USA. Using a world map is supported with the 'Lyfta time' that school timetable	geography and begin to use geographical skills, including first hand observations, to enhance their locational awareness. KS1 NC Attainment Targets: Locational Knowledge: Name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans Place Knowledge: Human and physical geography: Use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to: key physical features, including ocean Geographical Skills and Fieldwork: Use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the United Kingdom as well as the countries, continents and oceans studied at this key stage Use simple compass directions (North, South, East and West)	continents of the world? 3) Can I locate the UK within the continent of Europe? 4) What are the names and locations of the five oceans of the world? 5) Where are the hottest and coldest places of the world located?	Africa, Antarctica, Australasia (smallest continent) (2) Continent – A large mass of land made of many countries. Country – A nation with its own government, occupying a particular territory. (2) The Uk is located within Europe (3) There are 5 main oceans in the World: Atlantic Ocean (between the Americas and Europe and Africa) Pacific Ocean (between the Americas and Asia and Australasia) – The largest ocean in the World Indian Ocean (south of Asia) Arctic Ocean (Most northern Ocean) Southern Ocean (Most Southern Ocean) (4) seas are smaller than oceans and are usually located where the land and ocean meet (4) The hottest countries in the World are located on the Equator (Brazil, Uganda, Kenya). The coldest countries in the World are located at the North and South Poles (southern Argentina, South Africa in the South, Northern Canada and Northern Russia in the North). Antarctica is almost completely covered by ice for most of the year. (5)	Asia Africa North America South America Antarctica Australia/ Oceania/ Australasia Europe 3) Country UK 4) Ocean, Sea Arctic Southern, Pacific Atlantic Indian 5) North Pole, South Pole, Equator, Compass Compass points East North

children focus in on how people from all over the world live				West
their lives.				
Year A - Spring Term	Pupils should develop knowledge about	1) Where is the UK?	The UK is located in Europe (1)	1)
	the world, the United Kingdom and	2) What is the	The UK is made up of four countries; England,	United Kingdom
Weather	their locality. They should understand	weather like today?	Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. (1)	England, Northern
	basic subject-specific vocabulary	(Fieldwork skills:	Weather is made up of temperature, wind and rain (2)	Ireland, Scotland
Why this why now:	relating to human and physical	thermometer to	Climate – The weather conditions in an area over a	and Wales
Children learn about	geography and begin to use	measure the air	period of time. (3,4)	2)
the weather in the UK	geographical skills, including first hand	temperature; an	The four seasons are spring, summer, autumn and	Weather
including seasonal	observations, to enhance their	anemometer to	winter and that these occur due to how close a	Temperature
and daily weather	locational awareness.	measure the wind	country is to the sun at different points of the year. (5)	cold, coldest,
patterns, where the		speed; a	Winter in the UK – Coldest and wettest season of the	warm, warmest,
warmest/coldest	KS1 NC Attainment Targets:	weathervane and	year Summer – Hottest and driest season of the year	hot, hottest, dry,
places in the UK are	Locational Knowledge:	compass to work out	(5)	driest, wet,
and the		the direction of the	The North of the UK is colder, and the South of the UK	wettest
wettest/driest. This	Place Knowledge:	wind, and a rain	is warmer. (7)	3)
builds on the EYFS		gauge to measure	That weather alters between regions (7,8)	Climate
exploration of the	Human and physical geography:	rainfall.)	The coldest places in the UK are at the highest levels	4)
seasons and the	Identify seasonal and daily weather	3) What is the	above sea level: The Highlands - Scotland The Pennines	5)
previous unit on	patterns in the United Kingdom	difference between	- England Snowdonia - Wales The wettest places in the	Season
continents and		climate and weather?	UK are in Western areas: The Lake District – England	Seasonal
oceans. It leads to the	Use basic geographical vocabulary to	4) What is the	Snowdonia – Wales Western Highlands - Scotland The	6)
Y3/4 unit on	refer to: key physical features, including	weather like in the	warmest places in the UK are in Southern England: The	Pattern
rainforests and the	season and weather	UK?	Isles od Scilly Cornwall The driest places in the UK are	7)
Y5/6 unit on natures		5) How do seasons	in South Eastern England: Essex	Regions
energy.	Geographical Skills and Fieldwork:	affect the weather?	East Anglia (7,8)	Equator
	Use world maps, atlases and globes to	6) Are there any daily		North
	identify the United Kingdom and its	weather patterns in		South
	countries	the UK?		East
		7) Which are the		West
	Use simple compass directions (North,	hottest/coldest parts		8)
	South, East and West)	of the UK?		

		8) Which are the wettest/driest parts of the UK?		
Year A - Summer	Pupils should develop knowledge about	1) Where is the UK?	I know Friskney is within the UK and I can locate it on a	1)
Term	the world, the United Kingdom and	Where is Friskney?	map (1)	Friskney
	their locality. They should understand	2)Can I identify	Physical features are natural and would be there even	Country
Australia Vs UK	basic subject-specific vocabulary	human and physical	if there were no humans around. I.e. rivers, mountains	England
	relating to human and physical	features in my local	etc (2)	UK
Why this, why now:	geography and begin to use	area?	Human features are things like houses, roads and	Continent
Links with 'Continents	geographical skills, including first hand	3) Where is	bridges. They have been built by people. (2)	Europe
and oceans' unit and	observations, to enhance their	Australia?	A map is used to find out information about a place.	2)
builds on the world	locational awareness.	4) What is similar	(2,4)	Physical features:
map work from		between the UK and		beach, cliff, coast,
Autumn term. This	KS1 NC Attainment Targets: Locational	Australia? (aerial		forest, hill,
time with a focus on	Knowledge:	photographs). Can I		mountain, sea,
comparing		compare human and		ocean, river, soil,
Lincolnshire with	Place Knowledge:	physical features of		valley, vegetation,
rural Australia.	Understand geographical similarities	the UK and Australia?		season, weather
Children identify	and differences through studying the			Human features:
physical features of	human and physical geography of a			city, town, village,
using aerial	small area of the United Kingdom, and			factory, farm,
photographs and	of a small area in a contrasting non-			house, office,
maps before	European country			port, harbour and
identifying human				shop
features, through	Human and physical geography:			
exploring land-use.	The location of hot and cold areas of the			aerial photograph
They compare the	world in relation to the Equator			map
human and physical				key symbols
features of Australia	use basic geographical vocabulary to			
to features in the	refer to: key physical features,			3)
local area. It will lead	including: beach, cliff, coast, forest, hill,			Continents
to studies of other	mountain, sea, ocean, river, soil, valley,			Australia
countries in KS2 -	vegetation, season and weather			Equator
'Bien Venue en	-key human features, including: city,			North
France' in Y3/4 and	town, village, factory, farm, house,			South
Boston USA in Y 5/6	office, port, harbour and shop			East

				West
	Geographical Skills and Fieldwork:			
	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)			
	Use aerial photographs and plan			
	perspectives to recognise landmarks			
	and basic human and physical features;			
Year B - Autumn	Pupils should develop knowledge about	1) What are the four	There are four countries that make up the United	1) United Kingdo
Term	the world, the United Kingdom and	countries that make	Kingdom – England, Scotland, Wales and Northern	England,
	their locality. They should understand	up the UK?	Ireland. (1)	Scotland,
The UK	basic subject-specific vocabulary	2) What are the seas		Wales
	relating to human and physical	that surround the	Seas that surround the coast of the UK: North Sea,	Northern Ireland
Why this, why now:	geography and begin to use	UK?	English Channel, Irish sea, (Celtic Sea?), Atlantic (2)	North,
Children will name,	geographical skills, including first hand	3) What is a capital		South
locate and identify	observations, to enhance their	city?	Capital City – A city from where Governments run a	East
characteristics of the	locational awareness.	4) What are the	country.	West
four countries and		capital cities within	Government – A group of people with the authority to	
capital cities of the	KS1 NC Attainment Targets:	the UK?	govern a country.	2)
United Kingdom and	Locational Knowledge:	5) Where are the	Parliament – The King, The House of Commons and the	North Sea,
its surrounding seas.	Name, locate and identify	capital cities on a	House of Lords (3)	English Channel,
This builds on and	characteristics of the four countries and	map?		Irish sea,
goes beyond the EYFS	capital cities of the United Kingdom and		Each of the countries has a capital city: Edinburgh –	(Celtic sea?),
'Describe their	its surrounding seas		Edinburgh Castle, Holyrood Palace (Devolved	Atlantic
immediate			Government meets here)London – Big Ben, Houses of	
environment' and the	Place Knowledge:		Parliament (Government meets here), Buckingham	3)
unit leads into 'The			Palace, 10 Downing Street Belfast – Stormont	government,
UK and beyond' in	Human and physical geography:		Parliament Buildings (Devolved Government meets	governed
Y3/4 and the local	Use basic geographical vocabulary to		here), Shipyards (where Titanic was built)Cardiff -	
studies of Friskney in	refer to: key physical features,			4)

Y3/4 and Skegness in	including: coast, forest, hill, mountain,		Cardiff Castle, Millennium Stadium, Welsh Assembly	Edinburgh
Y5/6	sea, ocean, river,		Building (Devolved Government meets here). (4)	London
	-key human features, including: city,			Belfast
	town, village, port, harbour		Locate the capital cities on a map and identify physical	Cardiff
			and human features. (5)	
	Geographical Skills and Fieldwork:			5)
	Use world maps, atlases and globes to			Physical features:
	identify the United Kingdom and its			beach, cliff, coast,
	countries			forest, hill,
				mountain, sea,
	Use simple compass directions (North,			ocean, river, soil,
	South, East and West) and locational			valley, vegetation,
	and directional language [for example,			season, weather
	near and far; left and right], to describe			Human features:
	the location of features and routes on a			city, town, village,
	map Geography – key stages 1 and 2 3			factory, farm,
				house, office,
				port, harbour and
				shop
Year B - Spring Term	Pupils should develop knowledge about	1) Where are the	A continent is a large solid area of land. (1)	1)
	the world, the United Kingdom and	continents?	There are seven continents in the world, Europe,	Continents,
North and South	their locality. They should understand	Use	Africa, North America, South America, Asia, Antarctica,	Europe, Africa,
Poles	basic subject-specific vocabulary	globes/atlas/online	Oceania/Australasia. (1)	North America,
	relating to human and physical	mapping to locate		South America,
Why this, why now:	geography and begin to use	the world's	The Equator is an imaginary line that splits the Earth	Asia, Antarctica,
Children learn the	geographical skills, including first hand	continents. (revision	into two halves (2)	Oceania/Australas
location of hot and	observations, to enhance their	for Y2s)		ia,
cold areas of the	locational awareness.		It is warmer at the Equator because it gets more direct	2)
world in relation to		2) Where is the	sun light (2)	Equator,
the Equator and the	KS1 NC Attainment Targets: Locational	Equator?		Sunlight
North and South	Knowledge:	Locate the Equator	North and South Poles are cold because they get little	Hot
Poles. This builds on	Name and locate the world's seven	and why it is the	sun light (3)	Cold
the EYFS exploration	continents and five oceans	warmest place on		3)
of similarities and		Earth	In the United Kingdom we have warm summers and	North Pole,
differences between	Place Knowledge:		cold winters (5)	South Pole,

life in this country		3) Where are the		
and life in other	Human and physical geography:	coldest places on		
countries. It links to	The location of hot and cold areas of the	Earth?		
the Y3/4 unit 'UK and	world in relation to the Equator and the	Why are the North		
beyond' and 'Natures	North and South Poles	and South Poles		
energy' and 'Biomes		cold? Find out what it		
and vegetation' in	Use basic geographical vocabulary to	is like there using		
Y5/6	refer to: key physical features, including	secondary sources.		
	coast, sea, ocean, season and weather			
		4) What is lifelike in a		
	Geographical Skills and Fieldwork:	hot place?		
	Use world maps, atlases and globes to	Use secondary		
	identify the United Kingdom and its	sources to find out		
	countries, as well as the countries,	what it is like to live		
	continents and oceans studied at this	near the Equator		
	key stage	(photos/videos)		
	Use simple compass directions (North,	5) Do we live in a hot		
	South, East and West) and locational	or cold place?		
	and directional language [for example,	Locate UK on a		
	near and far; left and right], to describe	globe/atlas in		
	the location of features and routes on a	relation to the		
	map Geography – key stages 1 and 2 3	Equator so we have		
		temperate weather.		
		6) Would you prefer		
		to live in a hot or cold		
		place?		
		Children use what		
		they have learned to		
		make their own		
		decision with		
		reasons.		
Year B - Summer	Pupils should develop knowledge about	1)Where do we live?	I know that I live in the village of Friskney which is in	1)
Term	the world, the United Kingdom and	Where is our school?	the country of England. (1)	Friskney
	their locality. They should understand		I know that aerial means from above. (1/2/3)	Location

Local Study – The school

Why this, why now: Focus on the school Locating where they live on an aerial photograph, recognising features within a local context. Creating maps using classroom objects before drawing simple maps of the school grounds. Following simple routes around the school grounds and carrying out an enquiry as to how their playground can be improved. The unit builds on the EYFS exploration of their immediate environment. It develops beyond the school in Y3/4 to look at Friskney as a wider village and in Y5/6 to look beyond Friskney to look at the nearby town of Skegness.

basic subject-specific vocabulary relating to human and physical geography and begin to use geographical skills, including first hand observations, to enhance their locational awareness.

KS1 NC Attainment Targets: Locational Knowledge:

Place Knowledge:

Human and physical geography:

Geographical Skills and Fieldwork:

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 Geography – key stages 1 and 2 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

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.

Using aerial photographs 2) What can we see in our classroom? Developing an understanding of maps by creating maps of the classroom – start by creating maps physically with 2d shapes representing tables for example. 3) What can we find in our school grounds? Learning to draw maps using simple pictures or symbols and to locate features using directional language. 4) What are the different places in our school? Use aerial maps of the playground and simple compass directions/locational language to describe kev features 5) How do we feel about our playground? Learn that surveys

are a type of

I know that fieldwork is when geographers go outside and find out about a place. (3)
I know that a map is used to find out information about a place. (2/3)
I know that North is always shown towards the top of a map with an arrow. (2/3)
I know that simple compass directions are North, South, East and West. (3)
I know which way is left and which way is right. (3/4/6)
I know that a key explains the symbols on a map. (4)
I know that a survey is a set of questions that is used to gather opinions. (5/6)

Compass North South East West Town Country Village Aerial

2)
Map
Key
Symbol
Direction
Features
Left
Right
Near
Far
Next to
Behind

4)

5) Survey Opninion Fieldwork Questionnaire

6)

fieldwork the	
geographers use	to
gather informat	
and develop our	own
surveys.	
6) Can we make	our
playground ever	
better?	
Use the results of	four
fieldwork (surve	ys) to
design a map of	our
improved	
playground.	

Lower Key Stage Two Geography Curriculum

*Suggested learning questions are not necessarily 1 per lesson, some lessons may cover several questions and some questions may take several lessons.

Term/Unit	National Curriculum	Learning Questions	Substantive Knowledge	Key Vocabulary
Year A -	Pupils should extend their knowledge and	1) How is the Earth constructed?	The planet Earth has four	1)
Autumn Term	understanding beyond the local area to	Learn about the layers, show how	layers, mantle, crust, outer	Earth, Layers of the Earth,
	include the United Kingdom and Europe,	the mantle is made up of tectonic	core and inner core (1)	mantle, crust, outer core, inner
Mountains,	North and South America. This will include	plates.		core, tectonic plates,
Volcanoes	the location and characteristics of a range	2) How are mountains formed?	Mountains are formed where	2,3,4)
and	of the world's most significant human and	3) Why and where do we get	tectonic plates collide (2)	plate boundary, volcano
Earthquakes	physical features. They should develop	volcanoes?		latitude, longitude, Equator,
	their use of geographical knowledge,	Map location of volcanoes linked to	The Earth's crust is broken up	Northern Hemisphere,
Why this, why	understanding and skills to enhance their	plate boundaries, spot patterns.	into tectonic plates (1/2/3)	Southern Hemisphere, the
now: Children	locational and place knowledge.	4) What are the effects of a volcanic		Tropics of Cancer and
learn that the		eruption? Learn about positive and	A volcano is an opening in the	Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic
earth is	KS2 NC Attainment Targets: Locational	negative effects of living near a	Earth's crust through which	Circle,
constructed in	Knowledge:	volcano – Mt Saint Helens	molten rocks and gasses can	Ring of Fire, Magma, Magma
layers and the	Locate the world's countries, using maps	5) What are earthquakes and where	erupt (3,4)	chamber, main vent, crater,
crust is	to focus on Europe (including the location	do we get them? Map earthquakes		ash, lava, eruption,
divided into	of Russia) and North and South America,	against plate boundaries – link to	Volcanoes are located near	
tectonic	concentrating on their environmental	mountains/volcanoes.	tectonic plate boundaries (3,4)	4) Earthquake, fault line,
plates. They				epicentre,

study the	regions, key physical and human	6) How have people made it safe to	Most of the world's volcanoes	
formation and	characteristics, countries,	live in earthquake zones?	are located in a belt called the	
distribution of			Ring of Fire in the Pacific Ocean	
the volcanoes	Identify the position and significance of		(3)	
and	latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern		, ,	
earthquakes.	Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, the		Volcanoes have a magma	
They use Mt	Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and		chamber, a main vent and a	
Saint Helens	Antarctic Circle,		crater (3,4)	
as an	·			
example,	Place Knowledge:		An earthquake is the shaking of	
which acts as	Understand geographical similarities and		the ground caused by moving	
a precursor to	differences through the study of human		tectonic plates (5)	
the Boston-to-	and physical geography of a region			
Boston unit. It	within North or South America		A fault line is a crack along the	
is taught			Earth's surface where	
alongside the	Human and physical geography:		earthquakes are more likely to	
science on	Describe and understand key aspects of:		happen (5)	
Rocks and	physical geography, including: mountains,			
soils.	volcanoes and earthquakes,		The epicentre is the central	
			point on the Earth's surface	
	Geographical Skills and Fieldwork:		where an earthquake happens	
	Use maps, atlases, globes and		(5)	
	digital/computer mapping to locate			
	countries and describe features studied			
	Use the eight points of a compass,			
Year A - Spring	Pupils should extend their knowledge and	1) Where in the world are tropical	A biome is an area of the	1) Tropic of Capricorn, tropic of
Term	understanding beyond the local area to	rainforests? Use a biome map to	planet with similar climate and	cancer, Amazon rainforest,
	include the United Kingdom and Europe,	locate tropical rainforests – which	landscape where similar plants	Biome, tropical rainforest,
Rainforests	North and South America. This will include	continents. Use maps and	and animals live (1)	climate, latitude, longitude,
	the location and characteristics of a range	photographs to identify features.		Equator, Northern Hemisphere
Why this, why	of the world's most significant human and		The Tropic of Capricorn is an	Southern Hemisphere, Arctic
now:	physical features. They should develop	2) What is the Amazon rainforest	imaginary line that circles the	and Antarctic Circle,
Developing an	their use of geographical knowledge,	like? How has vegetation adapted?	south of the Earth and the	Eight compass points
understanding			Tropic of Cancer is an	

of biomes, ecosystems and tropics; mapping features of the amazon rainforest and learning about its layers. Discussing the global, human impact on the Amazon. This builds on 'Continents and Oceans' and links to our PSHE and science focus on the deforestation and global citizenship. This leads to further learning about Biomes and vegetation in Y5/6.

understanding and skills to enhance their locational and place knowledge.

KS2 NC Attainment Targets: Locational Knowledge:

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,

Identify the position and significance of latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic Circle,

Place Knowledge:

Understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of ... a region within North or South America

Human and physical geography:

Describe and understand key aspects of:
-physical geography, including: climate
zones, biomes and vegetation belts, ...
-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:

(buttress roots, smooth bark, drip tip leaves)

- 3) Who lives in the rainforest? Introduce some indigenous peoples of the Amazon and how they use the rainforest (35% is home to indigenous people, 400-500 communities, 50 of which have no contact with the outside world). Share indigenous territories maps from different times (2012/2019) how is it changing and why?
- 4) How are rainforests changing? Why is the Amazon rainforest important for the carbon cycle? What is damaging the Amazon rainforest? (mining, deforestation, oil drilling, fires to clear spaces). How can it be protected?

imaginary line that circles the North of the Earth (1)

The Amazon rainforest is located in South America (1)

Tropical rainforests have 4 layers; emergent, canopy, underlayer and forest floor. (2)

Indigenous people are the earliest people to have lived in a place (3)

Deforestation has changed the Amazon rainforest over time (4)

Carbon is a greenhouse gas and makes the world warmer (4)

Carbon is emitted by animals and humans breathing, burning fossil fuels and by plants and animals decomposing. (4)

The amazon rainforest absorbs carbon dioxide and releases oxygen (4)

- 2) Emergent, canopy, underlayer, forest floor, vegetation, adaptation, lianas, buttress roots, habitat
- 3) indigenous,
- 4) carbon cycle, deforestation, settlement, land use, economic activity, trade links, natural resources, minerals, water

	Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied			
	use the eight points of a compass,			
Year A -	Pupils should extend their knowledge and	1) What do people consider when	A settlement is a place where	1) Settlement, village, town,
Summer Term	understanding beyond the local area to	choosing where to live?	people live. (1)	city, counties, urban, rural,
	include the United Kingdom and Europe,	Describe the differences between 3		
Bien Venue	North and South America. This will include	main types of settlements, village,	The United Kingdom is divided	2) recreational, commercial,
en France	the location and characteristics of a range	town and city. Locate counties and	into 48 counties, we live in the	residential, agricultural,
	of the world's most significant human and	cities of the UK (particularly those	county of Lincolnshire. (1)	landmarks,
Why this, why	physical features. They should develop	near to our local area) using maps,		
now: This unit	their use of geographical knowledge,	atlases and digital mapping.	A city is larger than a town	2/3/4) physical geography,
is designed to	understanding and skills to enhance their	Compare urban and rural, discussing	(usually with a population of	climate zones, biomes and
support our	locational and place knowledge.	usual land uses in both.	over 100'000) and that Lincoln	vegetation belts, rivers,
languages		2) How is land used in my local area?	is the nearest city to our	mountains
curriculum,	KS2 NC Attainment Targets: Locational	Identify the human and physical	school. (1)	human geography: settlement,
with a focus	Knowledge:	features of the local area, including		land use, economic activity,
on France.	Locate the world's countries, using maps	land use, using OS maps of our local	A grid of squares is used on a	trade links, natural resources
Children	to focus on Europe concentrating on	area, creating sketch maps to	map to help people locate	
develop their	their environmental regions, key physical	present.	things (2)	3) Europe, France, capital,
understanding	and human characteristics, countries, and	3) How is land used in Laval?		Paris, Laval
of	major cities	Use maps, atlases and digital	To use a grid reference, I start	
geographical		mapping to locate France, Paris and	at the left had side and move	4) Similarities, differences.
similarities	Place Knowledge:	Laval. Use secondary sources to	East to the first 2-digit number	
and	Understand geographical similarities and	locate and describe the human and	before moving North to the	
differences	differences through the study of human	physical features of Laval.	second 2-digit number. (2)	
through the	and physical geography of a region of the	4) How does land use in Laval		
study of	United Kingdom and a region in a	compare to my local area? Compare	France is a major country in	
human and	European country	the land use in Laval to the land use	Europe and Paris is the capital	
physical		in Friskney, discussing reasons for	city. Laval is a rural and	
geography	Human and physical geography:	these choices.	agricultural area of France (3,4)	
within Laval, a	Describe and understand key aspects of:			
rural and	-physical geography, including: climate			
agricultural	zones, biomes and vegetation belts, rivers,			
region in	mountains, and the water cycle			
France				

twinned with	-human geography, including: types of			
Boston.	settlement and land use, economic activity			
boston.	including trade links, and the distribution			
	of natural resources including energy,			
	food, minerals and water			
	100d, Illinerals and water			
	Geographical Skills and Fieldwork:			
	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			
Year B -	Pupils should extend their knowledge and	1)What is a county?	England is divided into smaller	1)
Autumn Term	understanding beyond the local area to	2,111.00.000.000	areas called counties. (1)	County, England,
	include the United Kingdom and Europe,	2)Which County do I live in?	a. eas camea countries: (2)	Journal, TriBrama,
The UK and	North and South America. This will include	2, which equity do thre in:	Lincolnshire is a large rural	2)
beyond	the location and characteristics of a range	3) What are the counties near me?	county in the East Midlands (2)	Lincolnshire
,	of the world's most significant human and	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	(=,	
Why this, why	physical features. They should develop	4)What is a county town?	Locate some other counties in	3)
now:	their use of geographical knowledge,	,	the United Kingdom – Norfolk,	Norfolk, Cambridgeshire,
This unit	understanding and skills to enhance their	5) Where are the major cities in the	Cambridgeshire, Rutland,	Rutland, Leicestershire,
places us	locational and place knowledge.	UK?	Leicestershire,	Nottinghamshire, Yorkshire
within the UK	, ,	OK:	Nottinghamshire, Yorkshire (3)	,
(name and	KS2 NC Attainment Targets: Locational	6) What are some of the similarities		4)
locate	Knowledge:	and differences between counties.	All counties have a 'county	City, town, local government
counties and	Locate the world's countries, using maps	and differences between counties.	town' where the local	,, ,
cities of the	to focus on Europe (including the location	7) Where does the UK fit into the	government is based. Lincoln is	5)
UK). It then	of Russia) , concentrating on their	continent of Europe?	in the county of Lincolnshire.	London, Birmingham,
looks at	environmental regions, key physical and	continent of Europe:	(4)	Manchester, Glasgow,
where we fit	human characteristics, countries, and	8) What are the countries and major		Newcastle, Sheffield, Leeds,
within Europe,	major cities	cities within Europe?	Population of cities in the UK:	Bristol
(including	-	Cities within Europe:	London – 10,257,7000.	

Russia), focussing on environmenta I regions, key physical and human features. countries and major cities. It teaches an understanding of latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic Circle, the Prime/Green wich Meridian and time zones (including day and night) It builds on Y1/2 units on 'continents and oceans' and 'The UK'. It leads into a

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

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:

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,

Human and physical geography:

Describe and understand key aspects of: -physical geography, including: climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts, rivers, mountains,

-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

- 9) What are the main physical features of Europe?
- 10) What are the main human features across Europe.
- 11) How does time differ across Europe?

Birmingham – 2,560,500. Manchester – 2,517,500. Glasgow – 1,019,900. Newcastle – 868,800. Sheffield – 854,200. Leeds – 798,800. Bristol – 753,700. (5)

Locate Europe on a map, know the major countries within Europe including Russia. (7)

Countries within Europe: Russia, Germany, United Kingdom, France, Italy, Spain, Poland, Ukraine, Romania, Netherlands, Belgium, Sweden, Czech Republic (Czechia), Greece, Portugal, Hungary, Belarus, Austria, Switzerland, Serbia, Bulgaria, Denmark, Slovakia, Finland, Norway, Ireland, Croatia, Moldova, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Albania, Lithuania, Slovenia, North Macedonia, Latvia. Estonia, Luxembourg, Montenegro, Malta, Iceland, Andorra, Liechtenstein, Monaco, San Marino, Holy See, (8)

Major cities within Europe:

- Similarity, difference
- 7,8) Names of countries and cities studied
- 9) Western Uplands, North European Plain, Central Uplands, Alpine Mountains.

Danube, Rhine rivers, Ural and the Pyrenees mountains, the Alps, the Mediterranean Sea, the English Channel, the northern European Plain, and the Iberian and Scandinavian peninsulas.

10) Eiffel Tower, Colosseum, Acropolis

closer	Geographical Skills and Fieldwork:		Moscow, Berlin, London, Paris,	
focussed	Use maps, atlases, globes and		Rome, Madrid, Warsaw, Kiev,	
study of	digital/computer mapping to locate		(8)	
Friskney later	countries and describe features studied			
in the year,	use the eight points of a compass, four		Main environmental areas of	
and leads into	figure grid references, symbols and key		Europe: Western Uplands,	
Biomes and	(including the use of Ordnance Survey		North European Plain, Central	
Vegetations in	maps) to build their knowledge of the		Uplands, and Alpine	
Y5/6	United Kingdom and the wider world		Mountains. (9)	
			Ten major physical features of	
			Europe are the Danube and	
			Rhine rivers, the Ural and the	
			Pyrenees mountains, the Alps,	
			the Mediterranean Sea, the	
			English Channel, the northern	
			European Plain, and the Iberian	
			and Scandinavian peninsulas.	
			(9)	
			Major human features across	
			Europe such as the Eiffel Tower	
			(in France), the Colosseum (in	
			Italy) and the Acropolis ruins	
			(in Greece). (10)	
			There are seven primary time zones in Europe (11)	
Year B - Spring	Pupils should extend their knowledge and	1) What is the water cycle?	I know that the water cycle	1) Water cycle, condensation,
Term	understanding beyond the local area to	Describe and understand the	shows the continuous	precipitation, collection,
	include the United Kingdom and Europe,	processes of the water cycle.	movement of water within the	evaporation,
Rivers (water	North and South America. This will include	2) How is a river formed?	Earth and its atmosphere. (1/2)	2) river, source, river mouth,
cycle)	the location and characteristics of a range	Learn the journey of a river from	I know that the 4 stages of the	meander,
	of the world's most significant human and	sources to river mouth, identify key	water cycle are condensation,	3) Continents, Europe, Africa,
	physical features. They should develop	vocabulary on this journey.		South America, North America,

Why this, why now: Learning about rivers: their place in the water cvcle. the name and location of major rivers and how they are used. Builds on previous learning in the unit 'weather' in Y1/2 and leads to 'biomes and vegetation' in Y5/6

their use of geographical knowledge, understanding and skills to enhance their locational and place knowledge.

KS2 NC Attainment Targets: Locational Knowledge:

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

Place Knowledge:

Understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom

Human and physical geography:

Describe and understand key aspects of:
-physical geography, including: ... rivers, ...
and the water cycle
-human geography, including: types of
settlement and land use, ... and the
distribution of natural resources including
energy, food, minerals and water

Geographical Skills and Fieldwork:

Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied use the eight points of a compass, four ... figure grid references, symbols and key

- 3) Where can we find rivers? Name and locate some of the world's longest rivers.
- 4) How are rivers used? Identify range of ways that rivers can be used (by wildlife as well as humans).
- 5) What can we find out about our local rivers?

Fieldwork sketch maps.

6) What features does our local river have?

Identify and locate human and physical features of the local River on OS maps and photographs. History of how the river was used.

precipitation, collection and evaporation (1/2)
I know that a river is a moving

I know that a river is a moving body of water that drains the land. (2)

I know that a river starts at a source, which is usually in high ground (2)

I know that rivers lead to the

sea or a lake and this is called the river mouth (2) I know that the Nile is the world's longest river and it is in Africa. (3)

I know that the River Amazon is the second longest river in the world and it is in South America. (3)

I know that the River Severn is the longest river in the UK followed by the Thames.(3) We can use rivers for a variety of things including: transport

water supplies for homes and industries conservation, e.g. wildlife

protection creating electricity through the use of hydroelectric power

sport and recreation activities, such as fishing and canoeing (4)

Asia, Australasia, Antarctica, River Nile, Amazon River, Severn, Thames, latitude, longitude, Southern Hemisphere, Northern Hemisphere, Equator, 4) transport, water supply, industry, conservation, electricity, hydroelectric power, recreation,

	(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.			
Year B -	Pupils should extend their knowledge and	1) How is Friskney represented on a	There are maps of different	1) Friskney,
Summer Term	understanding beyond the local area to	map? – walk round Friskney	scales and types that can	2) Physical features, river, sea,
	include the United Kingdom and Europe,		represent the same place (1)	wetlands, woodland,
Local study –	North and South America. This will include	2) What physical and human		Human features, settlement,
Friskney	the location and characteristics of a range	features are in Friskney?	There are a range of human	economic activity, trade
	of the world's most significant human and		and physical features within	3) Agriculture, residential,
Why this, why	physical features. They should develop	3) How is land used within Friskney?	Friskney. (2)	commercial, recreational,
now: Local	their use of geographical knowledge,			transport,
study with a	understanding and skills to enhance their	4) What economic activity and trade	Friskney is the largest English	5) wetlands, marsh,
focus on the	locational and place knowledge.	links are there in Friskney?	village. Land use within	
types of			Friskney is mainly agricultural	
settlement,	KS2 NC Attainment Targets: Locational	5) How has land use in Friskney	and rural with some residential	
land use,	Knowledge:	changed over time?	and a small amount of	
economic	Name and locate counties and cities of the		commercial/business (3,4)	
activity	United Kingdom, geographical regions and	6) Can I create my own map of		
including	their identifying human and physical	Friskney?	Friskney used to be mainly	
trade links	characteristics, key topographical features		wetlands and marsh – refer to	
and changes	(including hills, mountains, coasts and		old maps and sources. (5)	
over time.	rivers), and land-use patterns; and			
It builds on	understand how some of these aspects			
the school	have changed over time			
study in Y1/2	n			
and leads to	Place Knowledge:			
the local study	Understand geographical similarities and			
on Skegness in	differences through the study of human			
Y5/6				

and physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom,			
Human and physical geography:			
Describe and understand key aspects of:			
-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			
Geographical Skills and Fieldwork:			
Use maps, atlases, globes and			
digital/computer mapping to locate			
countries and describe features studied			
use the eight points of a compass, four			
figure grid references, symbols and key			
(including the use of Ordnance Survey			
maps) to build their knowledge of the			
United Kingdom			
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.			

Upper Key Stage Two Geography Curriculum

*Suggested learning questions are not necessarily 1 per lesson, some lessons may cover several questions and some questions may take several lessons.

Term/Unit	National Curriculum	Learning Questions	Substantive Knowledge	Key Vocabulary
Year A -	Pupils should extend their knowledge and	1) Why and where did the pilgrims	Pilgrim Fathers travelled due to	1) Pilgrim Fathers, Henry VIII,
Autumn Term	understanding beyond the local area to	go?	searching for religious freedom	Location terms, Boston, New
	include the United Kingdom and Europe,		 Free from Henry VIII new 	England,
Boston to	North and South America. This will include	2) Who founded and named Boston?	church of England (1)	
Boston	the location and characteristics of a range	(England and America)	Location knowledge – Scrooby,	2) religious freedom,
	of the world's most significant human and		Boston, Immingham, Leiden,	migration,
Why this, why	physical features. They should develop	3) Where is New England USA? How	Amsterdam, London,	
now:	their use of geographical knowledge,	does it compare to England? Human	Southampton, Plymouth,	3, 4) Physical geography,
Comparison	understanding and skills to enhance their	geography	Dartmouth, Plymouth America	human geography
of local area	locational and place knowledge.		(1)	
with the town		4) How does the physical geography	Obstacles encountered –	
in the USA	KS2 NC Attainment Targets: Locational	of Boston UK compare to Boston	walked from Scrooby, arrested	
that shares	Knowledge:	USA?	at Boston, later successful from	
the same	Locate the world's countries, using maps to		Immingham to Leiden –	
name.	focus on North and South America,	5) How does the Trade and travel	worried about children	
Considering	concentrating on their environmental	compare in Boston UK vs Boston	forgetting English roots and	
the human	regions, key physical and human	USA?	concerns of war between	
and physical	characteristics, countries, and major cities		Holland and Spain so with	
geography of		6) Why do people migrate? Link back	communication from English	
both areas.	Name and locate counties and cities of the	to first lesson	separatists travelled from	
Builds on the	United Kingdom, geographical regions and		Leiden to Southampton, set sail	
earlier	their identifying human and physical	7) Can I sketch a map of Boston?	but ship leaked so docked at	
location	characteristics, key topographical features		Plymouth. Abandoned	
studies - 'Bien	(including hills, mountains, coasts and		Speedwell, all travelled on	
Venue en	rivers), and land-use patterns; and		Mayflower to Plymouth	
France' in	understand how some of these aspects		America. (1)	
Y3/4 and	have changed over time		1625 King Charles 1 dissolved	
'Australia' in			government and began	
Y1/2.	Identify the position and significance of		prosecuting those not	
	latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern		following church of England	
	Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, the		rules. 1930 John Winthrop and	
	Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and		700 people leaving Isle of	

Antarctic Circle, the Prime/Greenwich Meridian and time zones (including day and night)

Place Knowledge:

Understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom, ... and a region within North or South America

Human and physical geography:

Describe and understand key aspects of:
-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

Geographical Skills and Fieldwork:

Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied use the eight points of a compass, four ... 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

White for religious freedom land in Boston USA and make way for further migration. Supported and encouraged by previous Pilgrims. Meanwhile John Cotton is a pastor – he is still preaching to a large puratist following at the stump in Boston – preaches for up to 5 hours on a Sunday and Thursday. No one stops him but eventually in 1632 he has to go in to hiding. He hides for a year before sailing from Southampton joining the Pilgrims in America in 1933. Much of his followers from Boston England also followed and migrated for religious freedom. The town in America was renamed Boston to give them a connection to their roots. (2) First pub opened in America 1633First public Latin School Boston 1635 based on Boston Grammar school set up First church in 1630 for puritan worship (3) Seas and oceans are around USA near Boston, seas and oceans around UK. (4) Locate trade links we have with America. (5) Reasons for migration: Religious freedom like the

	methods, including sketch maps, plans and		pilgrim fathers, cultural	
	graphs, and digital technologies.		freedom, human rights, safety,	
			climate, career, family etc.	
			opportunity to link to current	
			events and previous historical	
			links- Afghanistan, Syrian and	
			other refugees, evacuation in	
			WWI and WWII. (6)	
			Visit Pilgrim fathers memorial.	
			Note the stump as a	
			navigational landmark. Track	
			river to the current docs,	
			follow drain and cross at	
			footbridge, pass grammar	
			school and John Adams Way.	
			Visit cells Pilgrim Fathers were	
			held in. Visit old docks – links	
			to why the marketplace is	
			where it is and why the stump	
			was built where it is. Visit	
			stump, look at grandeur and	
			recognise importance of	
			religion in the developing town	
			(7)	
Year A -	Pupils should extend their knowledge and	1) How can our food choices impact	Animal-based foods are	1) Environment, food
Spring Term	understanding beyond the local area to	the environment?	generally associated with the	production, global warming,
	include the United Kingdom and Europe,	Identify the negative effects on the	highest green house gas	emissions,
Where does	North and South America. This will include	environment cause by food	emissions and that this	2) Fair trade
our food	the location and characteristics of a range	production (creating grasslands for	damages the environment. (1)	3) Food miles, producer,
come from?	of the world's most significant human and	cattle, methane emissions from		consumer
	physical features. They should develop	cows/sheep, compare emissions	Responsible trading means that	4) Biome, equator, Northern
Why this, why	their use of geographical knowledge,	from meat production to that from	people are treated fairly and	Hemisphere, Southern
now: Links to	understanding and skills to enhance their	meat free produce, food imports)	are all paid a fair price for their	Hemisphere, climate, climate
our local	locational and place knowledge.	2) What does it mean to trade	work. (2, 3)	zone,
context as a		responsibly?		5) qualitative data

farming community. Mapping food imports from around the world: learning about trading fairly, and the argument of 'local versus global'. Links with the 'Biomes and vegetation' unit in Year B

KS2 NC Attainment Targets: Locational Knowledge:

Locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on Europe (including the location of Russia) and North and South America,

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

Identify the position and significance of latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic Circle

Place Knowledge:

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:

Describe and understand key aspects of:
-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

Why do we import food? Advantages/disadvantages. Learn about fair trade and the importance of this.

- 3) How do we get our chocolate? Learn about the journey of the cocoa bean, measuring distances on maps. (Cote d'Ivoire is the largest supplier to the UK – Cocoa beans enter the UK by two major ports Hull (LOCAL) and Liverpool)
- 4) Where does our food come from? Identify that different foods grow in different biomes and say why use biome maps with a key.

(longitude/latitude/equator/hemisp heres) Why don't we get all of our food from the UK? (biomes) Explore packaging to see where food has come from, this is why we can get food out of season in our country. Locate on world maps and measure with a ruler use the scale to work out the distance.

5) Are our school lunches local sourced?

Explore ways to gather info, design and use data collection methods (questions to ask our kitchen staff), answer the enquiry questions using qualitative data.

6) Is it better to buy local or imported food? Prepare a presentation using learning throughout the unit, could be a

A biome is an area of the planet with similar climate and landscape where similar plants and animals live (So food grown). (2, 3, 4)

It is hotter closer to the equator so different foods can be grown in hotter climates. (2, 3, 4)

Food miles are how far food travels from producer to consumer. (4)

	including trade links, and the distribution	speech/blog/vlog/poster to share		
	of natural resources including energy,	their findings		
	food, minerals and water	-		
	Geographical Skills and Fieldwork:			
	Use maps, atlases, globes and			
	digital/computer mapping to locate			
	countries and describe features studied			
	Use the eight points of a compass,,			
	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.			
Year A -	Pupils should extend their knowledge and	1) How is the world represented in	Continents: Asia	1) Continents: Asia Africa,
Summer Term	understanding beyond the local area to	different ways?	Africa	North America, South America,
	include the United Kingdom and Europe,	Look at globes and maps – revision	North America	Antarctica, Australia/ Oceania/,
Fieldwork/M	North and South America. This will include	of continents and locate countries	South America	Australasia, Europe, Arctic
apwork	the location and characteristics of a range	studied previously – Boston, Laval,	Antarctica	latitude, longitude, Equator,
	of the world's most significant human and	Australia.	Australia/ Oceania/	Northern Hemisphere,
Why this, why	physical features. They should develop	2) How is our local area presented	Australasia	Southern Hemisphere, the
now:	their use of geographical knowledge,	on maps? Revision of Friskney local	Europe	Tropics of Cancer, Capricorn,
Observing,	understanding and skills to enhance their	area study in Y3/4	Arctic	Arctic and Antarctic Circle,
measuring,	locational and place knowledge.	3) How can we refer to small areas	(1)	2) physical geography, rivers,
recording and		on a map? Children to use 6 figure	The position and significance of	mountains, human geography,
presenting	KS2 NC Attainment Targets: Locational	grid references to locate items on a	latitude, longitude, Equator,	types of settlement, land use,
their own	Knowledge:	map.	Northern Hemisphere,	energy, food, minerals, water
fieldwork	Locate the world's countries, using maps to		Southern Hemisphere, the	
study of the	focus on Europe (including the location of		Tropics of Cancer and	

local area.
Comparing
features in
the local area
using OS
maps.
Learning the
eight compass
points, four
and 6 figure
grid
references.

Builds on and revisits the names and locating the continents of our world in the unit 'continents and oceans' in Y1/2 and also builds on the fieldwork aspect of the local study of Friskney in Y3/4 and the 'boston to boston' unit earlier in the year.

Russia) and North and South America, concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries, and major cities -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 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:

Human and physical geography:

Describe and understand key aspects of: -physical geography, including: ... rivers, mountains,

-human geography, including: types of settlement and land use, ... links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water

Geographical Skills and Fieldwork:

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

4) can I observe and record human and physical features by sketching a map?

Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic Circle, (1)
physical geography, including:
... rivers, mountains, (2)
human geography, including:
types of settlement and land
use, ... links, and the
distribution of natural
resources including energy,
food, minerals and water (2)
Symbols and keys of OS maps
explained (3)

3) Vocabulary based around the Symbols and keys of OS maps

	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.			
Year B - Autumn Term	Pupils should extend their knowledge and understanding beyond the local area to	Why do we need energy? When did different forms of energy become available – timeline this.	I know that are fossil fuels and they are fighter on the solution of the second	1) Coal, crude oil, natural gas, fossil fuels, finite,
Nature's	include the United Kingdom and Europe, North and South America. This will include	Learn that we have to trade energy	finite so they will run out (1)	renewable, hydropower, wind power, solar power,
Energy	the location and characteristics of a range	as some countries produce more	I know that renewable	5) fieldwork, sketch map,
	of the world's most significant human and	than others – use maps to label trade	energy will not run	τ, ποιώποτη, επιστέπτης,
Why this, why	physical features. They should develop	routes.	out (2)	
now: Learning	their use of geographical knowledge,	What is renewable energy?	I know that the UK	
about	understanding and skills to enhance their	Consider the benefits and drawbacks	gets most of its energy	
renewable	locational and place knowledge.	of renewable energy.	from non-renewable	
and non-		How does the United	sources (3)	
renewable	KS2 NC Attainment Targets: Locational	Kingdom generate its	, ,	
energy	Knowledge:	energy?		
sources,	Locate the world's countries, using maps to	Look at Energy consumption graph		
distribution of	focus on Europe (including the location of	and analyse what the UK relies on		
natural	Russia) and North and South America,	the most (gas and oil) – The		
resources	concentrating on their environmental	renewable energy source used the		
including	regions, key physical and human	most is wind.		
energy, food minerals and	characteristics, countries, and major cities	4) What is the best way to generate energy?		
water, where	Name and locate counties and cities of the	Let's say you are planning a new city,		
they come	United Kingdom, geographical regions and	you have to decide what energy		
from and	their identifying human and physical	source to use and why		
their impact	characteristics, key topographical features			
on society,	(including hills, mountains, coasts and			

the economy,	rivers), and land-use patterns; and	5) Where is the best place for		
and the	understand how some of these aspects	a solar panel on the school		
environment.	have changed over time	grounds?		
It builds on		Compare different types of maps and		
'Weather', in	Place Knowledge:	analyse usefulness for fieldwork on		
Y1/2,	Understand geographical similarities and	our school grounds (some show less		
'Rainforests'	differences through the study of human	or more detail – road map, OS maps,		
in Y3/4 and	and physical geography of a region of the	Sketch maps, digital map). What do		
leads onto	United Kingdom, a region in a European	they need to consider? Use a sketch		
'Biomes and	country, and a region within North or	map to walk around exploring		
vegetation' in	South America	possible locations. Justify their final		
the following		location choice.		
term.	Human and physical geography:			
	Describe and understand key aspects of:			
	-physical geography, including: climate			
	zones, biomes and vegetation belts, rivers,			
	mountains,			
	-human geography, including: the			
	distribution of natural resources including			
	energy, food, minerals and water			
	Geographical Skills and Fieldwork:			
	Use maps, atlases, globes and			
	digital/computer mapping to locate			
	countries and describe features studied			
	Use the eight points of a compass,			
Year B -	Pupils should extend their knowledge and	1. What are the Earth's biomes?	Biomes are large ecosystems	1) biome, aquatic, grassland,
Spring Term	understanding beyond the local area to	Explore the world's many different	Explore how biomes have	forest, desert, and tundra,
	include the United Kingdom and Europe,	biomes	distinct climatic conditions,	flora, fauna,
Biomes and	North and South America. This will include		flora and fauna (1)	2) Continents: Asia Africa,
vegetation	the location and characteristics of a range	2. Where are the Earth's biomes?		North America, South America,
	of the world's most significant human and	Review the location of different	rainfall, temperature and	Antarctica, Australia/ Oceania/,
	physical features. They should develop	biomes Examine which biomes occur	sunlight affect biomes (3)	Australasia, Europe, Arctic

Why this, why now: Children learn about Biomes as areas of the planet with a similar climate and landscape, where similar animals and plants live. These include rainforest, desert, savannah, grassland, woodland and tundra. Vegetation belts that are home to certain plant species are studied. Builds on 'Continents and oceans' and 'North and south poles' in Y1/2. 'Rainforests' in Y3/4 and 'Nature's Energy' in Y5/6.

their use of geographical knowledge, understanding and skills to enhance their locational and place knowledge.

KS2 NC Attainment Targets: Locational Knowledge:

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

Identify the position and significance of latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic Circle,

Place Knowledge:

Human and physical geography:

Describe and understand key aspects of:
-physical geography, including: climate
zones, biomes and vegetation belts, rivers,
mountains, ... and the water cycle
-human geography, including: ... land use,
economic activity including trade links, and
the distribution of natural resources
including energy, food, minerals and water

Geographical Skills and Fieldwork:

Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied use the eight points of a compass,

at different latitudes Explore which continents are most diverse in terms of biomes Examine countries with particularly diverse biomes in them

- 3. What affects an ecosystem?
- 4. What is the tundra?
- 5. What is the taiga?
- 6. What are the grasslands?
- 7. How are biomes being damaged?
- 8. How are biomes being protected and preserved? Explore different ways that biomes are being protected and preserved Review the local, national and international solutions that are most successful Examine how more sophisticated understanding of land use is promoting conservation
- 9. Are biomes all equally fragile?

Human activity can affect a biome (3)

The tundra is the coldest of the biomes. It also receives low amounts of precipitation, making the tundra similar to a desert. Tundra is found in the regions just below the ice caps of the Arctic, extending across North America, to Europe, and Siberia in Asia. (4)

The taiga is a forest of the cold, subarctic region. The subarctic is an area of the Northern Hemisphere that lies just south of the Arctic (5)

The grassland biome is made up of large open areas of grasses. They are maintained by grazing animals and frequent fires. Types of grasslands include savannas and temperate grasslands (6)

biomes are threatened by climate change Examine how biomes are threatened by human activity (7) latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer, Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic Circle, 3) rainfall, temperature and sunlight, precipitation, 5) Taiga

Year B -	Pupils should extend their knowledge and	1)How is land used in Skegness?	There are maps of different	1)Skegness, human, physical
Summer Term	understanding beyond the local area to	How does it compare to Friskney?	scales and types that can	Physical features, river, sea,
	include the United Kingdom and Europe,	(link to previous learning).	represent the same place (1)	wetlands, woodland,
Local Study –	North and South America. This will include			Human features, settlement,
Skegness	the location and characteristics of a range	2) What do we understand by	There are a range of human	economic activity, trade.
	of the world's most significant human and	tourism?	and physical features within	Tourist,
Why this, why	physical features. They should develop		Skegness. (1,4)	
now: Local	their use of geographical knowledge,	3) What is the main trade and		3) Agriculture, residential,
study with a	understanding and skills to enhance their	economic activity in Skegness?	Definition of Tourism (2)	commercial, recreational,
focus on the	locational and place knowledge.			transport, tourism,
types of		CASE STUDY ON A TOURIST	That tourism is made up of	
settlement,	KS2 NC Attainment Targets: Locational	ATTRACTION IN SKEGNESS TO CARRY	'tour' – to travel for pleasure	5)car, bike, train, bus, UK,
land use,	Knowledge:	OUT FIELDWORK	and 'ism' – to practise, act, do.	Europe, abroad,
economic	Name and locate counties and cities of the		(2)	
activity	United Kingdom, geographical regions and	4) Why do people come to Skegness		
including	their identifying human and physical	for their holidays?	Tourism is a large part of the	
tourism. It	characteristics, key topographical features		Skegness economy (3)	
builds on the	(including hills, mountains, coasts and	5)Where do people travel from to		
local studies	rivers), and land-use patterns; and	visit Skegness		
in Y1/2 and	understand how some of these aspects			
the study of	have changed over time	6) How does tourism affect the		
Friskney in		economy of Skegness?		
Y3/4	Place Knowledge:			
	Understand geographical similarities and			
	differences through the study of human			
	and physical geography of a region of the			
	United Kingdom			
	Human and physical geography:			
	Describe and understand key aspects of:			
	-physical geography, including: rivers,			
	mountains,			
	-human geography, including: types of			
	settlement and land use, economic activity			
	including trade links, and the distribution			

of natural resources including energy	<i>ı</i> ,		
food, minerals and water			
Geographical Skills and Fieldwork:			
Use maps, atlases, globes and			
digital/computer mapping to locate			
countries and describe features studi	ied		
Use the eight points of a compass, fo	ur and		
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