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Geography Curriculum

Curriculum Intent for Geography

At Masefield Primary School, we aim to provide an ambitious and high-quality Geography Curriculum, spanning the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) to Year 6. Our Geography Curriculum builds knowledge of diverse places, people, natural and human environments, together with the Earth's fundamental physical processes. Through the progressive development of geographical knowledge, skills, understanding and enquiry, while simultaneously nurturing our pupils' natural curiosity and fascination with the natural world, we aim to instil a life-long love and passion for Geography, in conjunction with respect for the world in which we inhabit.

Our Geography Curriculum builds knowledge of key geographical concepts, which allows pupils to explore in-depth the economic, environmental, political and social facets of places, while comparing and contrasting local, regional, national and global scales. Our Geographical Curriculum aims to ensure that our pupils are aware of contemporary geographical issues and the significance of human impacts across the globe and the drive towards sustainability. Armed with this information, our pupils will be better informed to make decisions about how they chose to live their lives now and in the future and will have an enhanced understanding of cultures dissimilar to their own; fostering mutual respect and tolerance.

At Masefield, the teaching and learning of Geography is delivered as a discrete subject, in order to promote the explicit and specific development of geographical knowledge, skills, understanding and enquiry. Naturally, links are to other areas of our curriculum, but this does not dilute the entitlement and quality of our Geography Curriculum.

Our school's long-term plan for Geography establishes the content for teaching, specified within each year group. This is supported by the school's Geography Progression Document, which demonstrates pupil learning outcomes, within each stand of development, across and between our Geography Units of Work. Short-term planning details how this content evolves over a series of lessons within each unit of work. The organisation of our Geography Curriculum provides structured opportunities for all our pupils to:



- Develop enjoyment, interest in and knowledge of Geography and an appreciation of its contribution to all aspects of everyday life;
- Build upon their natural curiosity and sense of awe about our amazing human and natural environments;
- Be introduced to the language and specific vocabulary of Geography;
- Assimilate accurate locational knowledge of the world's countries, oceans and hemispheres and;
- Forge connections between the human and physical environments; facilitating pupil investigations of the economic, environmental, political and social aspects of Geography.

The Teaching and Learning of Geography

In addition to the conscious design and structure of our Geographical Curriculum, careful consideration has been given to the implementation of the curriculum in the classroom. The delivery of our teaching and learning will vary according to the activities undertaken, yet will follow the principles and sequence set out in our Teaching, Learning and Implementation Policy and will include: class, group and individual deliberative instruction, exposition and demonstration and the explicit use of questioning and in-depth discussion. The following approaches and resources are adopted across all year groups, in order to ensure effective delivery of the intended Geography Curriculum.

What is Geography?

At Masefield Primary School, we define Geography as 'the world discipline,' which endeavours to 'seek order and meaning in the diversity and complexity of the world' (Professor Alistair Bonnett). As former President Barack Obama once commented:

"The study of Geography is about more than just memorising places on a map. It's about understanding the complexity of our world, appreciating the diversity of cultures that exist across continents. And in the end, it's about using all that knowledge to help bridge divides and bring people together."

In order for our pupils to begin to discover order and meaning across the globe, our Geography Curriculum encompasses specific geographical concepts.



Geographical Concepts

In order to structure the development of and relationships between our key geographical knowledge, skills, understanding and enquiry; geographical concepts are threaded and interwoven throughout our Geography Curriculum. These geographical concepts are the core disciplinary underpinnings of Geography and are embedded within our Geography Curriculum, in order for our curriculum to remain not only faithful to the historical development of the subject, but also to ensure that our pupils organise their geographical thinking according to the academic principles and rigors of the subject. These geographical concepts are explicitly taught within and across individual units of work. They are revisited throughout individual year groups and across key stages, to ensure that our pupils have a clear and thorough understanding of them, so that they can make meaningful connections between the units of work and lock their geographical knowledge, skills, understanding and enquiry, within their long-term memory. As a consequence, our pupils will be thoroughly prepared for the academic demands of the subject as they journey from our school and embark upon their geographical learning at secondary school and beyond.

These geographical concepts are:

- Place;
- Space;
- ✤ Scale;
- Environment;
- Interconnection;
- Sustainability;
- Cultural Awareness and Diversity;
- Human and Physical Processes.





Defining Geographical Concepts

Concept	Summary	In the Curriculum
Concept Place	Summary The concept of place is about the parts of the Earth's surface that are identified and given meaning by people and the significance attached to them.	 In the Geography curriculum, an understanding of the concept of place is developed by establishing that: places may be perceived, experienced, understood and valued differently. places range in size from a part of a room or garden to a major world region. places can be described by their location, shape, boundaries, features and environmental and human characteristics. Some characteristics are tangible, such as landforms and people, while others are intangible, like scenic quality and culture. places are important to our security, identity and sense of belonging, and they provide us with the services and facilities needed to support and enhance our lives. the environmental characteristics of a place are influenced by human actions and the actions of environmental processes over short to long time periods. the human characteristics of a place are influenced by its environmental characteristics and resources, relative location, connections with other places, the
		 culture of its population, the economy of a country, and the decisions and actions of people and organisations over time and at different scales. the places in which we live are created, changed and managed by people. each place is unique in its characteristics. As a consequence, the outcomes of similar environmental and socioeconomic processes vary in different places, and similar problems may require different strategies in different places. the sustainability of places may be threatened by a range of factors. For example, natural hazards, climate change, economic, social and technological change. Key Questions: What is this place called? What is it like?



		3. What kind of features does it have?
		4. How and why is it changing?
		5. What kinds of jobs and activities can people do here?
		6. How do I feel about it?
		7. How does it compare to other places?
Space	The concept of space is	In the Geography curriculum, an understanding of the concept of space is developed by
	about the significance	establishing that:
	of location and spatial	
(C)	distribution, and ways	 spaces are perceived, structured, organised and managed by people, and can be
	people organise and	designed and redesigned, to achieve particular purposes.
Ϋ́	manage the spaces that	Key Questions:
	we live in.	1. Where is this place?
		2. How does it connect to other places?
		3. How can it be mapped?
Scale	The concept of scale is	In the Geography curriculum, an understanding of the concept of scale is developed by
	about the way that	establishing that:
	geographical	
$\bigcirc \bigcirc$	phenomena and	 generalisations made and relationships found at one level of scale may be different at
	problems can be	a higher or lower level. For example, in terms of farming, climate is the main factor at
	examined at different	the global scale but soil and drainage may be the main factors at the local scale.
	spatial levels.	Cause-and-effect relationships cross scales from the local to the global and from the
		global to the local. For example, local events such as the effects of local vegetation
		removal can have global outcomes.
		Key Questions:
		1. How does my view of this place change when I zoom in or out?
		2. How and why are places connected at difference scales?
Environment	The concept of	In the Geography curriculum, an understanding of the concept of environment is
	environment is about	developed by establishing that:
	the significance of the	
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	environment in human	the environment is the product of geographical and human processes.
	life, and the important	✤ the environment supports and enriches human and other life by providing raw
	interrelationships	materials and food, absorbing and recycling wastes, maintaining a safe habitat and
	between humans and	being a source of enjoyment and inspiration.
	the environment.	 it presents both opportunities for, and constraints on, human settlement and economic development. The constraints can be reduced but not eliminated by technology and human organisation. culture, population density, type of economy, level of technology, values and environmental worldviews influence the different ways in which people perceive, adapt to and use similar environments.
		each type of environment has its specific hazards. The impact of these hazards on
		people is determined by both natural and human factors and can be reduced but not
		eliminated by prevention, mitigation and preparedness.
		Key Questions:
		1. What are the positive and negative influences upon the environment?
Interconnection	The concept of	In the Geography curriculum, an understanding of the concept of interconnection is
	interconnection	developed by establishing that:
	emphasises that no	
രക്ക	object of geographical	places and the people and organisations in them are interconnected with other places
666	study can be viewed in isolation.	in a variety of ways. These interconnections have significant influences on the characteristics of places and on the ways these characteristics change.
		environmental and human processes, such as the water cycle, urbanisation or human-
		induced environmental change, are sets of cause-and-effect interconnections that can operate between and within places.
		Key Questions:
		 How can we see the global in the local and vice versa?
		2. How do I connect to people and places in the world?
		3. What's it got to do with me?
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to 🛠 sustainability is both a goal and a way of thinking about how to progress towards that
upport our goal.
e lives of 🔄 🛠 progress towards environmental sustainability depends on the maintenance or
creatures restoration of the environmental functions that sustain all life and the economic and
e. social well-being of humans.
✤ an understanding of the causes of unsustainability requires a study of the
environmental processes producing the degradation of an environmental function,
the human actions that have initiated these processes, and the attitudinal,
demographic, social, economic and political reasons for these human actions. These
can be analysed through the framework of human-environment systems.
Key Questions:
1. How do people damage and sustain environments?
 What futures lie ahead?
3. What can I do?
4. Why should I care?
erstanding In the Geography curriculum, an understanding of the concept of cultural awareness and
ty as a diversity is developed by:
and identifying similarities and differences between environments, places, people and
of cultures and using this knowledge to build an appreciation of people's beliefs and
and attitudes and influence
between
s, places, <u>Key Questions:</u>
cultures to 1. Who am I?
lop our 2. What's my story?
g of 3. What's their story?



	different societies and economies.	4. Why is biodiversity important?
Physical and Human Processes	The geographical concept of physical and human processes looks	In the Geography curriculum, an understanding of the concept of processes is developed by establishing that:
	at natural and man- made.	 a physical process could be defined as an incident or series of incidents that happen naturally due to the effects and importance of a specific force of nature. human processes could therefore be defined in terms of how human involvement has affected the world. such events and activities can lead to changes within the places, landscapes and societies of the world.
		 Key Questions: What kind of change is happening? What effect is human activity having on this place and why? How is the landscape changing and why?



Curriculum Content

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.

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Nursery	Where am I?	Where am I?	What are maps?	Where is our local park?	What is a globe?	Are there different counties in the world?
Reception	All About Me – Where do I go to School?	Let's Celebrate (Festivals)– Where do I live?	People who help us! - Where is Antarctica?	Growing! - How can we help our world?	Amazing animals! - Where do animals of the world live?	Fantasy! - Where is Ghana and how does it compare to where we live?
Year 1		Our Local Community and Town – Little Lever and Bolton		Our Country – The United Kingdom (UK)		Regional Study: The Northwest of England
Year 2		Our Blue Planet		The World's Biomes		Regional Study: Comparing Kenya and the United Kingdom
Year 3		Cold Spaces: Polar, Taiga and Tundra		Exploring Maps		Regional Study: the Mediterranean
Year 4		The Water Cycle: Aquatic Biomes and River Systems		Regional Study: The City of Manchester		Regional Study: China and the Grassland Biome
Year 5		Regional Study: the Amazon, a Tropical Rainforest Biome		North America: Earthquakes and the Desert Biome		Our Capital City - London
Year 6			South America and Brazil	South America and Brazil		National Parks of the United Kingdom



Term:	Y1 – Autumn 2 Text(s):		
Key Concepts:	Our Local Community and Town – Little Lever and Bolton		
Place	The aim of this unit is for pupils to: Understand that they live in Little Lever, which is part of the town of Bolton;		
Space	 Know what human and physical features are; Identify the human and physical features in their local area. 		
Scale	This weit holids were the leastional local descelution advector diagonal in the basis is were added.		
Environment	physical features studied in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). This unit explores the local		
Interconnection	geography of Little Lever and Bolton and is a precursor to the comparative regional study conducted in Year 2 between Kenya and the UK. Ultimately, this unit is designed to give all pupils a basic understanding of the human and physical processes that characterise a specific place, which will eventually evolve into them thinking critically about their environment and the impact human beings have upon the physical environment, not just across local spaces, but also, at the regional, national and global scales.		
Sustainability			
Cultural Awareness and Diversity			
Human and Physical Processes			
Prior Knowledge Requirements:	Key Vocabulary for this Unit:		
Know positional vocabulary (Read and right;	eception): near, far, forwards, backwards, left Rural: areas of the natural world. Map: a drawing or diagram that represents a place.		



 Have knowledge of their own home and its location (Reception): room names and functions; Know subject-related vocabulary (Reception): house, road or park; Know weather vocabulary (Reception): different types of weather and seasonal changes. 		Environment: the area around us. Human: places in the world made by humans. Physical: places that are natural. Town: an urban area that as many different buildings.
<u>Composite – The Big Idea</u>	<u>Components – Sequen</u>	ce of Learning
Our local area is the place where we live. There are a variety of human features, for example, many houses and other buildings that make up a town. There are also physical features, for example, fields, woodlands or rivers. Our local environment is the combination of these human and physical features. The place is Little Lever, Bolton.	 2. Our School and local about our school and h school from above) Lo grounds discussing the outdoor classroom, fiel 3. The street outside out 4. The physical and hu area? What is our local 5. Fieldwork – conduct pictogram); 6. Mapping our journe Lever close to Masefiel school and what are the school with others from 7. Fieldwork – make and (How can we improve of Would we go the same marker, by taking a pholong it takes to walk); 	ur school (physical and human features) (discuss road safety); man features of Little Lever (what do we mean by the local ity like?); tt a survey of how we get to school (display data using a y to school – draw a map showing the local streets of Little d (what landmarks do the children know?) How do we get to ne best/safest routes for walking? Compare our journeys to n across the world (website below); map of the route taken from Masefield to Little Lever Library our route? Could we go the same way if we travelled in a car? way at night or in winter?) Use the class teddy as a landmark tograph of him at key intersections along the route (time how he and LBQ: compare and contrast the human and physical



Possible Online Resources		25 Of The Most Dangerous And Unusual Journeys To School In The World Bored Panda		
NC Objectives	Locational Knowledge	Place Knowledge	Environmental, Physical & Human Geography	Geographical Skills and Fieldwork
Use aerial	Understand that the area	Tell someone their	Know that in the world	Gathering Information
photographs and plan	they live in is called Little	address and Postcode.	there are things made by	Understand that we use
perspectives to	Lever.	Know a village is smaller	people and these are	fieldwork to view an area
recognise landmarks	Understand that Little Lever is	than a town and is	called human features.	ourselves.
and basic human and	an area in the town of Bolton.	usually associated with	Know that in the world	
physical features.		the countryside.	there are things NOT made	Understand how to remain
	Know that Bolton is in		by people and these are	safe, whilst participating in
Devise a simple map;	England.	Know there are many	called physical features.	fieldwork.
and use and construct		signs on the roads to		
basic symbols in a key.	<u>Map work:</u>	help drivers use the	Understand that school is a	Identify human and physical
	Know that a map is a	Highway Code.	human feature, as it has	features in our local area.
Use locational and	representation of what an		been made by people.	
directional language	area looks like from an aerial	Know what a		<u>Recording</u>
[for example, near and	view.	supermarket, post	Identify some human and	Children to draw pictures of
far, left and right], to		office and church are.	physical features in the	human and physical
describe the location	Understand that maps give us		local area.	landmarks as they walk from
of features and routes	information about places and	Say and explain what		Masefield to Little Lever
on a map.	their locations.	they like about their locality.		Library
Use simple fieldwork	Understand that symbols are			<u>Skills</u>
and observational	used on a map to represent			Understand that symbols are
skills to study the	the human and physical			used on a map to represent
geography of their	features of an area and show			the human and physical
school and its grounds	where they are located.			



and the key human		features of an area and show
and physical features	Locate Masefield Primary	where they are located.
of its surrounding	School on an aerial	
environment.	photograph.	Observe and record
		information about the local
	Draw a simple map showing	area.
	the route taken from	Observe and record daily
	Masefield Primary School to	weather using simple
	Little Lever Library.	symbols.



Term:	Y2 – Autumn 2 Key Text(s):	CINTINE TO THE ZOO		
Key Concepts:	Our Blue Planet			
Place		ohere (ball-shaped);		
Space	 Know that is made up of book Know that there are two ty 			
Scale	Know that most of the plan	et is covered in salt water (71%); I continents and the saltwater is called oceans;		
Environment	Name and locate the seven	continents;		
Interconnection GG	 Name and locate the live of 	 Name and locate the five oceans; Understand how to use a map to locate both continents and oceans. 		
Sustainability Cultural Awareness and Diversity	This is the first unit to introc knowledge, skills and understa global physical geography of o	This is the first unit to introduce continents and oceans. This unit builds upon the foundational knowledge, skills and understanding of countries and seas, introduced in Year 1. This unit explores the global physical geography of our blue planet, which will support geographical learning across school. For example, in Year 2, children will study a country and region in a different continent (Kenya, in Africa) and throughout Key Stage 2, children will investigate a variety of spaces and places, including: biomes, South America, North America and Europe.		
	Africa) and throughout Key Sta			
	End of Unit Outcome: locate a	nd label the continents and oceans on a world map.		
Drior Knowlodge Requiremente:		Koy Vocabulary for this Unit:		
Prior Knowledge Requirements:		Key Vocabulary for this Unit:		
Know the four countries of the United Kingdom (UK) (England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland), their capital cities and the seas that surround the UK;		Planet Earth: a giant ball-shaped mass of rock and water; Ocean: a very large area of deep salt water; Continent: very large block of land (rock);		



Know how to identify land and sea on a map or atlas.	Salt water: water found in the world's seas and oceans. Human beings cannot drink it; Freshwater: water found on land in rivers and lakes. Human beings can drink it; Atlas or globe: a map of the whole planet.
Composite – The Big Idea	Components – Sequence of Learning
	<u>components</u> sequence of Learning
Our planet Earth is a sphere. It is made up of land and water. Saltwater covers most of the planet, which is why Earth is sometimes called a 'Our Blue Planet'. We call the land continents and the saltwater oceans. The continents and oceans are the basic spaces that determine all physical geography across our world.	 Retrieval of prior knowledge and vocabulary; Mapping our blue planet: introduce a globe and atlas, explaining that an Atlas is a flat, two-dimensional version of the globe; introduce the concepts of land and salt water and identify these on both a globe and atlas; Explore continents: explain that the areas of land are continents and that there are seven of them across the world. Explain that continents are made up of countries. Locate the UK and explain that we are part of the continent of Europe. Repeat with numerous examples covering a variety of countries and the continents from which they belong. Label a map of the continents; Explore oceans: explain that there are two types of water to be found across our planet. Explain that freshwater is water found on the continents as rivers and lakes and that this is the water we drink. Explain that salt water covers most of the Earth's surface and that this is water we cannot drink. Locate the five oceans of the world on a globe and atlas. Know that on an atlas, there often appears to be two Pacific Oceans, however, this is because the Earth is a sphere and secondly, that the Pacific Ocean is the most sizeable. Illustrate this on a globe. Label a map of the world's oceans. Retrieve knowledge of continents and oceans from a variety of different maps, including partial world maps, maps of individual



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	continents and maps in different perspectives, for example, where the			
	South Pole is located towards the top of the page, as opposed to the			
		er standard configuration		
		6. End of Unit Outcome	and LBQ: locate and labe	el the continents and
		oceans on a world map.		
Possible Online Resources		(1) The Blue Planet BBC [1]	- Introduction (part 1) - You	<u>Tube</u>
		The World - BBC Teach		
		The Continents Rhyme:		
		Get out the map, and what	t do you see,	
		Seven continents, where ca	an they be?	
		Europe and Asia lie northw	vards on the sphere,	
		Africa is shaped like an ele	phant's ear!	
		Around the South Pole is A	ntarctica.	
		Australia and some islands	make up Oceania.	
		North and South America are joined in the middle.		
		Can you solve the continent riddle?		
NC Objectives	Locational Knowledge	Place Knowledge	Environmental,	Geographical Skills
			Physical & Human	and Fieldwork
			Geography	
Name and locate the world's seven	Know that there are seven	Know that in the world	Know that land and salt	Use world maps,
continents and five oceans.	continents and five oceans	there are areas of land	water are physical	globes and atlases
	and identify them on a	and salt water.	geographical features	to identify and
Use world maps, atlases and globes to	world map: Europe, North			locate the world's
identify the countries, continents and	and South America, Africa,	Understand that the		continents and
oceans studied at this key stage.	Asia, Oceania and	covered by land are		oceans.
second studied at this key stuge.	Antarctica; Atlantic,	split up into continents.		occuris.
Lico cimplo compace directions (North	, , ,	spin up into continents.		Lico o voriatu of
Use simple compass directions (North, South, East and West) and locational	Pacific, Indian, Southern	Lindorstand that as the		Use a variety of
South Fast and West and locational	and Arctic Oceans.	Understand that each		maps to locate the
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and directional language (for example, near and far; left and right), to	Map work:	continent is divided into countries.		world's continents and oceans.



describe the location of features and	Identify the land and		
routes on a map.	saltwater on a map of the	Know that the largest	
	world.	ocean is the Pacific and	
		the largest continent is	
	Identify the seven	Asia.	
	continents on a map.		
	Know that we live in		
	England, which is in the		
	United Kingdom, which is		
	in the continent of Europe		
	(despite the fact that we		
	are an island).		
	Identify the five oceans.		
	Know simple compass		
	Know simple compass		
	points: North, South, East		
	and West, to describe the		
	position of the world's		
	continents and oceans.		



Term:		Y3 – Autumn 2	Key Text(s):	
Key Concepts:		Cold Sp	baces: Po	olar, Taiga and Tundra
Place	Q	The aim of	^t this unit is fo what the pola	or pupils to: ar, taiga and tundra biomes are.
Space	Q			a very large country that spans two continents: Europe and Asia; an and physical characteristics of Russia;
Scale	9			nd the key climatic features of the polar, taiga and tundra biomes; man contribution to global warming, in particular how climate change and
Environment		increas	ing tempera	tures are leading to a melting of these biomes, which is having significant region and worldwide;
Interconnection	649	Underst	stand Russia'	s impact upon the wider world, in particular through the export of natural
Sustainability	<u>@</u>	resour	ces and cultu	ral contributions to the world.
Cultural Awareness and Diversity			•	ne foundational knowledge, skills and understanding learned in Key Stage 1 physical geography of our planet including: continents and oceans, seas and
Human and Physical Processes		tundra bio internatio	omes, which nal trading	iomes. The unit introduces vocabulary specific to not only the polar, taiga and characterise northern Russia, but also, focusing on Russia's cultural and links. This unit prepares pupils for further more detailed studies into 'ears 4 and 5.
		document flora and f	ing the key p auna and th	choose one of the polar, taiga or tundra biomes and create a presentation hysical and human characteristics of the biome, including: climate, habitats, e availability of natural resources and the impact of climate change for the p live in the biome.
Prior Knowledge Requirement	·c·			Key Vocabulary for this Unit:
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 Know the continents and oceans of the world; Know the difference between continents and countries; Know what a biome is and the general location of the polar, to tundra biomes; Know how to find locations on a map; use a globe and atlas to continents and countries. 	precipitation. Sometimes these areas are referred to as polar
Composito The Dig Idea	Components Sequence of Learning
Composite – The Big Idea	Components – Sequence of Learning
The cold spaces of our planet can either be found in the high- altitude mountainous areas or encircling the North and South Poles. In the northern hemisphere, Russia, being the largest country on Earth, according to land mass, dominates the Arctic	 Retrieval of prior knowledge and vocabulary; Locate Russia on a world map and within Europe and Asia. Identify and label Russia's neighbouring countries (including Kaliningrad). Identify and locate Russia's major cities;



Circle. The Arctic Circle is home to the taiga, biomes, where uniquely adapted flora and fa harsh conditions. Likewise, these vast expans of the world's natural resources. However, contribute to global climate change, which is l consequences for these delicately balanced bi <u>Possible Online Resources</u>	una thrive in the es contain many some of these naving significant	 Create a simple fact file detailing Russia's population, land area, capital city, currency, languages spoken, major religions and cultural landmarks. Explore Russia's role within the wider world, including being one of the largest exporters of natural resources including: timber, oil and natural gas. Identify and map the location of the taiga, tundra and polar biomes on a world map. Explore the physical features of the taiga, tundra and polar biomes. Examine the causes and consequences of global climate change, with specific reference to the taiga, tundra and polar biomes. Case Study: Climate Change and Polar Bears. End of Unit Outcome and LBQ: choose one of the polar, taiga or tundra biomes and create a presentation documenting the key physical and human characteristics of the biome, including: climate, habitats, flora and fauna and the availability of natural resources and the impact of climate change for the indigenous people, who live in the biome. Discovering the Arctic - interactive education for schools natgeokids.com/uk/discover/geography/countries/russia-facts/ Russia (nationalgeographic.com) Polar Bears and Climate Change Pages WWF (worldwildlife.org) BBC iPlayer - Go Jetters - Series 3: 27. Climate Change, the Arctic Ocean Polar Bears and Climate Change Young People's Trust For the Environment (ypte.org.uk) 			
				ple's Trust For the	
		Environment (ypte.	org.uk)		
NC Objectives	Locational	Place	Environmental, Physical & Human	Geographical	
NC Objectives	Knowledge	Knowledge	Geography	Skills and	
				Fieldwork	
Locate the world's countries, using maps to	Know where	Arctic Circle	Arctic Circle	Know the four	
focus on Europe (including the location of	the Equator,		<u>Climate</u>	points of the	
Russia).	Tropics of	Know that the	Know that the Arctic only has two	compass: North,	
	Cancer and	Arctic Circle is at	seasons. It has long, cold winters and	South, East and	
	Capricorn and		short, cool summers. The winter lasts	West.	



Use maps, atlases, globes and	the Arctic and	the North of the	for about eight months. Know that	
digital/computer mapping to locate	Antarctic	Earth.	the average temperature in the	
countries and describe features studied.	Circles are		Arctic, ranges from about 12°C in the	
	located and the	Know that the	summer to about -34°C in the winter.	
	consequence	Arctic Ocean is		
	impact that this	located within	Physical	
	has on	the Arctic Circle.	Most of the Arctic is covered by water	
	temperature.		and most of that water is frozen.	
		<u>Polar, Taiga and</u>	There are: mountains, islands, fjords,	
	Know where	<u>Tundra Biomes</u>	icebergs and glaciers.	
	the North and			
	South Poles are	Know that each	<u>Human</u>	
	located and	of these biomes	People have lived in the Arctic for	
	understand	has unique	thousands of years. Only about four	
	that these are	human and	million people live and work in the	
	the coldest	physical	Arctic at present (for comparison,	
	places on	characteristics	there are 66 million in the UK).	
	Earth, as they	and are home to	In the winter, it can get so cold that	
	are furthest	unique flora and	it's too dangerous to go outside	
	away from the	fauna that have	without special clothing and	
	Equator.	evolved special	equipment. Ferocious storms and	
		adaptations in	blizzards can make travel very	
	<u>Map work:</u>	order to inhabit	challenging. Mining for oil and natural	
		these cold	gas, together with fishing are	
	Locate Russia	places.	important activities in the Arctic.	
	on a world map			
	and within		<u>Climate Change</u>	
	Europe and			
	Asia.		Understand that global climate	
			change (global warming), is the	



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laei	ntify and	process of our planet becoming	
maj	p the	warmer.	
loca	ation of the		
taig	ga, tundra	Understand that humans contribute	
and	l polar	to global warming by: burning fossil	
bio	mes on a	fuels, through farming activities and	
wor	rld map.	deforestation.	
		Understand that this can have a	
		negative impact upon our world,	
		especially in the Arctic and Antarctic,	
		where the permafrost, sea ice and	
		glaciers are melting rapidly, having	
		significant consequences for the	
		animals and plants living in these	
		environments.	



Term:	Y4 – Autumn 2	Key Text(s):		
Key Concepts:	The Water C	Cycle: Aquatic Biomes and River Systems		
Place	•	it is for pupils to: he water cycle functions, from evaporation, through condensation and into		
Space	 precipitation; Know that ther Know that rive Know that rive 	re are two aquatic biomes on Earth: marine and freshwater;		
Scale	Know that rive	ers constitute the freshwater biome; ers run from their source to their mouth and that all rivers flow from higher ground		
		nd and terminate at the sea;		
	 Know and explanation 	lain the key features of river systems; nd explore environmental issues pertaining to river systems;		
Sustainability	S Know and unde	Know and understand how rivers have and continue to shape the location of human settlements.		
Cultural Awareness and Diversity	X (XX)	on the foundational knowledge, skills and understanding learned in Key Stage 1 (KS1) physical geography of our planet including: continents and oceans, seas and		
Human and Physical Processes	M M mountain ranges a	and biomes. This unit introduces vocabulary specific to river systems, including: outary, confluence, meander, ox bow lake, lakes, waterfalls, gorges, floodplain, delta		
		me: information and explanation text exploring the features and processes of river with their importance for human settlements and activities, for example, irrigation		
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Prior Knowledge Requirements:		Key Vocabulary for this Unit:		
Know the continents and oce	eans of the world;			



Know key physical features including: beach, coast, forest, hill, Aquatic biomes: there are two aquatic biomes: marine ar mountain, sea, ocean, river and valley:
* Know what a biome is and that the aquatic biomes are found Water Cycle: the circulation of water in the atmosphere and on the
within all of the other biomes. Earth's surface, triggered by the heat of the sun.
Know how to find locations on a map; use a globe, atlas or map to River: the water that flows down a channel from upland to lowlar
identify physical features. areas.
Source: where a river begins, usually in higher ground;
Spring: water forced upwards towards the surface from dee
underground due to high pressure.
Tributary: when one stream or river meets another and merg
together, the smaller stream or river is known as the tributary;
Confluence: the point at which two streams or rivers merge togethe
to form one larger stream or river.
Meander: a winding curve or bend in the river.
Waterfall: is a river or other body of water's steep fall over a rocl
ledge into a plunge pool below. Waterfalls are also called cascades.
Ox Bow Lake: a cut-off meander.
Delta: an area low-lying and often marshy land at the mouth of a rive
Estuary: the part of the river where the freshwater and saltwater m
in varying amounts due to the tidal flow at the river's mouth.
Mouth: where the river meets the sea or ocean.
<u>Composite – The Big Idea</u> <u>Components – Sequence of Learning</u>
Most of the world's water is found in the seas and oceans. However, 1. Retrieval of prior knowledge and vocabulary;
saltwater cannot be used for drinking and irrigation. Freshwater is 2. Examine a model of the Water Cycle;
rather more scarce. Lakes, rivers and water-bearing rocks are the 3. Define what an aquatic biome is and locate the different aquat
main sources of the supply of freshwater. Aquatic biomes are home biomes on a map; examine some of the key physical features of the
to a diversity of flora and fauna and are fundamental to all life on freshwater biome and some of the challenges posed by huma
Earth, as they support all of the Earth's biomes. River systems are



central to the water cycle, as they act as drainage channels for	interaction (consider the recent issues pertaining to the release of raw
excess surface water, which is returned to the seas and oceans to	sewage); Locate some of the world's key rivers;
complete the water cycle. River systems have and continue to	4. Locate and map the UK's major rivers, including the seas/oceans, in
support human settlements and have been the basis of human	which they flow into; identify and locate major cities and towns located
transportation systems for thousands of years. However, the	on key river lengths;
availability of freshwater is becoming increasing challenging and	5. Create a fact file of a UK river, examining the key physical features
complex in some parts of the world. Around the world, more people	and human settlements along its course;
now have access to a mobile telephone, than access to a flushing	6. Study a river; follow the journey of a river from its source in the upper
toilet!	course, through its middle course and where it empties into the
	sea/ocean at its mouth; create a labelled diagram to chart the course of
	the river, with its clearly identified and labelled physical features;
	7. Fieldwork: study the course of a local river (River Irwell), using Google
	Maps, Ordnance Survey Maps and maps from other sources, identifying
	features using four-figure grid references; Visit the river; explore the
	freshwater biome and comment upon the impact of humans; use
	photographs and video to record the movements of the river and record
	the effects of erosion and deposition. Measure river speed in different
	locations, determined by physical features;
	8. End of Unit Outcome and LBQ: information and explanation text
	exploring the features and processes of river systems, together with
	their importance for human settlements and activities, for example,
	irrigation for agriculture. Explore the impact of rivers on human
	settlements, both historically and contemporarily.
Possible Online Resources	CAFOD: Our World, Our Water - YouTube
	Water resources for primary schools (cafod.org.uk)
	What is the water cycle? - BBC Bitesize
	The water cycle - BBC Teach
	natgeokids.com/uk/discover/science/nature/water-cycle/
	Explore rivers - BBC Bitesize
	The water cycle - Met Office
	Rivers - BBC Teach



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		<u>Geography of the UK - KS2 Geography - BBC Bitesize</u> Aquatic Biome (nationalgeographic.org)		
		Aquatic biome (nationalge		
NC Objectives	Locational Knowledge	Place Knowledge	Environmental, Physical & Human Geography	Geographical Skills and Fieldwork
Physical geography, including Rivers. Physical geography, including the water cycle.	Identify and know the names and location of a number of key rivers in the UK and across the globe. Know the key rivers of the UK: Severn,	Know and explain why many towns and cities are situated next to a river.	Know and understand the terms for each part of the Water Cycle: evaporation,	<u>Fieldwork</u> Conduct a local area study of the River Irwell in Little Lever.
Know key topographical features (including hills, mountains, coasts and rivers) within the UK.	Thames and Trent. Know the key rivers of the world: Nile, Amazon, Yangtze and Mississippi.	Know and explain why river use has changed over time.	condensation, precipitation and runoff.	Use photographs and video to capture the key physical features of
Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe	Map work Identify and locate the key rivers of the	Know that the River Thames if the longest river in the UK. Know that London developed	Know and describe how a river is formed and its many associated physical	the river and the movements of the river as its travels towards the sea.
features studied.	UK on a map of the UK. Identify and locate the key rivers of the	as a city close to the River Thames because the river made it easier	features.	Make comparisons
geography, including types of settlement and	world on a globe or world map.	to transport goods for trade.	diagram of a river.	Irwell and rivers nationally and
land use, economic activity, including trade links (river usage).	Map the course of a local river: River Irwell.		Know and understand the impact of human	Examine the impact of human activities and
	Use four-figure grid references to locate key physical and human features along the course of the River Irwell.		activities on rivers and aquatic biomes generally.	settlements along the river's course.



Term:		Y5 – Autumn 2	Key Text(s):	
Key Concepts:		Regional Stud	y: The A	mazon, a Tropical Rainforest Biome
Place	0	The aim of this unit	is for pupils	to:
Space		 Understand whe 	ere the Ama	ibution of the tropical rainforest biome across the globe; zon Basin is located;
Scale	HO? H	 Understand the 	physical geo	ne tropical rainforest biome; ography of the Amazon Basin, including the biodiversity and structure of the
Environment	R		human geog	graphy of the Amazon Basin, including settlements and the impact of different
Interconnection	G \$ +0		•	opical rainforest biome; consequences of deforestation across the Amazon Basin;
Sustainability	@	 Understand conservation and sustainable development in the Amazon Basin. 		
Cultural Awareness and Diversity			•	rainforest biome, exploring the human and physical processes and environment America. This unit builds on the knowledge acquired in Year 4, when pupils
Human and Physical Processes		studied the water cycle and the physical geography of rivers. In addition, this unit is precursor to the work pupils will undertake in Year 6, when they examine the geography of South America, including Brazil. Pupils study the causes and consequences of deforestation upon the local, national, regional and global scales, build upon their knowledge of climate change from Year 1.		
		End of Unit Outcom	e: Presentat	ion: Will the tropical rainforest biome of the Amazon Basin survive?
Prior Knowledge Requirements:			Key Vocabulary for this Unit:	
 Know what a biome is; Know the water cycle and physical geography of rivers; Know the science of photosynthesis; 		Biome: A biome is an area of the world that has a particular climate, together with certain (fauna) animals and (flora) plants that are uniquely adapted to		



*	Know the science of food chains;	living there. The Earth has several terrestrial (land) and two aquatic (water)
*	Know that the climate changes over the long term and can be influenced	biomes;
	by human processes;	Tropical Rainforests: tropical rainforests grow in areas of high rainfall.
*	Know that human and physical processes operate across the local,	Tropical rainforests are found between the Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic
	national, regional and global scales.	of Capricorn and receive between 175-200 cm of precipitation annually;
		Biodiversity: the variety and interconnections between the animals and
		plants that live in a particular environment, ecosystem or habitat. Scientists
		have shown that having a higher level of biodiversity is more important and
		desirable than a lower level of biodiversity. Nature thrives where there are
		more animals and plants living together in a shared community.
		Emergent Layer: the emergent layer is the name given to the tallest trees of
		the tropical rainforest biome that protrude upwards towards the sunlight.
		Canopy Layer: the canopy, which may be over thirty metres in height, is
		composed of the overlapping branches and leaves of the tropical rainforest
		biome;
		The Understorey: the understorey is a layer comprised of younger trees,
		shorter trees, shrubs and plants. It is a dense, low-light and humid place. To
		compensate for these dim conditions, the plants have unique adaptations:
		large leaves (sometimes the size of an umbrella); bright flowers, which are
		often easily visible on the trunks of trees, to attract insects; and a strong, powerful aroma;
		The Forest Floor: the forest floor is dark and humid; it is home to many of
		the tropical rainforest's insects that live amongst the dense leaf litter and the
		tropical rainforest's apex predators, for example, jaguars;
		Deforestation: is when the tropical rainforest is felled and the area is
		permanently cleared for alternative use, for example, cattle ranching;
		Endangered: an endangered species is a species, which has been categorised
		as very likely to become extinct;
		Extinction: the extinction of a species of animal or plant is the death of all its
		remaining living members both in the wild and in captivity;
		Sustainable Development: use natural resources in ways that do not
1		negatively impact on the environment and preserve the natural world for
		future generations and the overall health of our planet.



Composite – The Big Idea Tropical rainforests are frequently referred to as the 'Lungs of the Earth', due to their ability to absorb vast quantities of carbon dioxide (a 'Greenhouse gas') and produce significant quantities of oxygen into the Earth's atmosphere. Tropical rainforests help to stabilise the global climate. Furthermore, the world's tropical rainforests are havens of biodiversity and are the most complex of the world's biomes, home to a plethora of animals and plants that are interconnected in many complex environments.	 examples of countries where this biome is located; (Amazon Basin, Congo Basin, Indonesia are core areas); 3. Study the basic climatic and topographical features of what constitutes a tropical rainforest biome (high average temperature, high average annual precipitation; dense vegetation; high degree of biodiversity) (discuss the basics



Possible Online Resources	 <u>Rainforests - What are the Threats to the Rainforests? Young People's</u> <u>Trust For the Environment (ypte.org.uk)</u> <u>Learn about the Amazon rainforest WWF</u> <u>Photos & Videos WWF (worldwildlife.org)</u> <u>Indigenous Communities & Scientists Envision a Cleaner Amazon</u> (nature.org) <u>Brazil and the Amazon Forest - Greenpeace USA</u> <u>Protecting Biodiversity in the Amazon Rainforest National Geographic</u> <u>Society</u> 				
NC Objectives	Place Knowledge	Environmental, Physical & Human Geography	Geographical Skills and Fieldwork		
to focus on South America, key physical and human characteristics, countries, and major cities; Concentrate on environmental regions in South America; identify the position and significance of latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern Hemisphere and Southern Hemisphere; 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; Know that there is a diverse biodiversity within the		Know that there are many causes and consequences of deforestation in the Amazon Basin; Know about some of the unique flora and fauna that inhabit the Amazon Basin; Know about some of the indigenous people that inhabit the Amazon Basin; Know of some local examples of conservation efforts to promote sustainable development in the Amazon Basin.	Know the climate of a tropical rainforest biome; Know the physical structure of a tropical rainforest biome; Know the difference between the activities and settlements of indigenous people and other human populations within the Amazon Basin; Know about the interaction between environmental, physical and human geographical processes and their affects upon deforestation and conservation and	Identify and mark on a map the locations of the tropical rainforest biome; Identify and mark on a map the watershed of the Amazon Basin and the countries that control the Amazon Basin; Interpret climatic information to define the tropical rainforest biome; Draw pictograms to show the diurnal cycle of the weather in a tropical rainforest biome;	



Use maps, atlases, globes and	endangered	due	to	sustainable	Draw diagrams to
digital/computer mapping to locate	deforestation.			development.	show the physical
countries and describe features studied;					structure of the
					tropical rainforest
Understand geographical similarities and					biome;
differences through the study of human					Investigate and
and physical geography of a region of					report on the causes
South America.					and consequences of
					deforestation and
					conservation and
					sustainable
					development in the
					Amazon Basin.



Term:		Year 6 – Summer 2	Key Text(s):	NATIONAL PARKS THE UNITED KINGDOM				
Key Concepts:			National Parks of the United Kingdom (UK)					
		The aim of this u	nit is for p	oupils to:				
Place	0							
Space		 Understand what a National Park is and why they were created; Understand the spatial distribution of the UK's National Parks; Understand the different places, environments and human and physical processes of the 						
Scale	0,0	National Parks, with reference to the Lake District and Pembrokeshire National Parks;						
Environment		 Understand the interconnections between the National Parks and tourism; Understand how sustainability and tourism can help protect these environments and preserve 						
Interconnection	649)	them for future generations.						
Sustainability	0	Throughout this unit, pupils will study National Parks in the UK. Building upon their local place knowledge of the seaside, studied in Year 2, initially pupils will examine an overview of all the National						
Cultural Awareness and Diversity	28	Parks in the UK, before focusing on the local and regional scales of the Lake District and Pembrokeshire						
Human and Physical Processes	÷ i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i	National Parks. F space and diversi tourism, weighin protect the en interconnections precursor to pupi	Pupils will ty geogra g the pos vironmen with nat ls work in	compare and contrast these two National Parks, considering their place, phical variations. Furthermore, pupils will investigate the human process of itive and negative effects of this and how sustainable tourism can help to t, raise local cultural awareness and diversity, together with the cion-wide strategies to conserve the natural environment. This unit is a secondary school, where they will conduct comparative studies on National nding Natural Beauty (AONB).				



End of Unit Outcome: Discussion: Is tourism beneficial for the UK's National Parks?							
Prior Knowledge Requirements:	Key Vocabulary for this Unit:						
 Know that the UK is made up of England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland; Know that the UK is composed of a variety of different human and physical places, with unique geographical features, for example, the seaside is characterised by a varying coastline, with beaches or cliffs. 	 law for the enjoyment of the general public or the preservation of biodiversity and locally and nationally important wildlife. Sustainable Tourism: tourism that use natural resources, without 						
Composite – The Big Idea	Components – Sequence of Learning						
National Parks have been established in the UK to conserve, preserve, restore and protect the most important natural and	 Retrieval of previous learning; Vocabulary Lesson; Define a National Park and why they were created (Sustainability; Cultural Awareness and Diversity)); 						



ways of life; including foraging and fi	4.	Identify and label a map of the UK, illustrating where the National					
Parks, through tourism, promote people's immersion in the			Parks are located (Space, Scale);				
natural world, through exploration and other outdoor pursuits.			Investigate the Lake District National Park (Place, Physical and Human				
Today, National Parks are developing r	nore sustainable forms of		Processes, Environment, Cultural Awareness and Diversity);				
tourism, which aim to protect and res	tore the environment for	6.	Investigate Pe	mbroke	eshire National Park (Pla	ce, Physical and Human	
future generations.			Processes, Env	/ironme	ent, Cultural Awareness a	nd Diversity);	
		7.	Compare and	contra	st the two National Par	ks, examining both the	
			-		processes across the	_	
					Processes, Cultural Diver		
		8.	· ·		of tourism in each Natio		
			Interconnectio			(
		9.		•	stainability in each Natior	nal Park, comparing and	
					s of initiatives used to p		
			-		conservation, preservation		
					· •		
			increasing biodiversity (Sustainability); 10. End of Unit Outcome;				
		11. LBQ Question Set.					
Possible Online Resources		 UK National Parks in 100 Seconds National Geographic - YouTube 					
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		•	- BBC Bitesize				
		***	https://www.nationalparks.uk/uk-national-parks-teaching-resource/				
					strict National Park		
			<u>Learning</u> ren	<u>Indi Orces</u>			
NC Objectives Locational Knowledge			Place Knowled	ge	Environmental,	Geographical Skills	
				-	Physical & Human	and Fieldwork	
					, Geography		
✤ Name and locate counties and	Know the geography	*	Know the u	nique	 Investigate the role 	Map location of	
cities of the United Kingdom,	of the UK, including:		human	and	of tourism in the	the UK's National	
geographical regions and their	countries, seas and		physical geogr	raphy	Lake District and	Parks	
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identifying human and physical	location within	of the Lake District	Pembrokeshire	Map land use in
characteristics, key topographical	Europe;	and Pembrokeshire	National Parks;	local areas of the
features (including hills,	✤ Know that the UK	National Parks;	Investigate local	Lake District and
mountains, coasts and rivers), and	has 15 National	Describe the	projects that	Pembrokeshire
land-use patterns; and understand	Parks and where	similarities and	promote	National Parks;
how some of these aspects have	they are located	differences	sustainability in the	Use Ordnance
changed over time;	within the UK;	between the Lake	Lake District and	Survey maps to
 Understand geographical 	Know the human	District and	Pembrokeshire	plot six-figure grid
similarities and differences	and physical	Pembrokeshire	National Parks.	references;
through the study of human and	features of UK	National Parks.		Recognise the
physical geography of a region of	National Parks;			eight points of the
the United Kingdom, a region in a				compass.
European country, and a region				
within North or South America;				
✤ 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.				