



## Geography Skills Progression



Skill Area	KS1 (Years 1–2)	Lower KS2 (Years 3–4)	Upper KS2 (Years 5–6)
<b>Locational Knowledge</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Name and locate the four countries of the UK and surrounding seas</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Locate continents and oceans</li><li>- Name and locate UK counties and key cities</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Locate countries globally using maps</li><li>- Understand latitude, longitude, Equator, hemispheres, Tropics, etc.</li></ul>
<b>Place Knowledge</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Study a small area of the UK and a contrasting non-European location</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Compare human and physical geography of a UK region and a region in Europe</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Compare environmental and human geography of regions in the UK, Europe, and the wider world</li></ul>
<b>Human Geography</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Identify simple human features: town, village, port, farm, house, shop</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Describe types of settlements, land use, and economic activities</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Understand trade links, resource distribution, and the impact of economic activities</li></ul>
<b>Physical Geography</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Identify simple physical features: beach, cliff, forest, hill, mountain, sea, river</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Understand rivers, mountains, volcanoes, earthquakes, and the water cycle</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Study climate zones, biomes, vegetation belts, and human impacts on physical environments</li></ul>
<b>Geographical Skills and Fieldwork</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Use simple maps and globes</li><li>- Use basic compass directions (N, S, E, W)</li><li>- Observe and record local features</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Use OS maps with keys and symbols</li><li>- Use compass points and grid references</li><li>- Collect simple field data</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Use 6-figure grid references and digital mapping (e.g. GIS)</li><li>- Plan and conduct detailed fieldwork investigations</li></ul>
<b>Map Skills</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Follow simple routes on a map</li><li>- Create basic maps with symbols</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Use 4-point and 8-point compass directions</li><li>- Read and draw simple maps with a key</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Interpret and create more complex maps using scale, symbols, and thematic mapping techniques</li></ul>