

Smithdown Primary School - Geography Curriculum Progression

EYS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Looks closely at	Geographical skills and fieldwork					
similarities,	Ask simple geographical	Use world maps, atlases	Ask and respond to	Understand and use a	Understand and use a	Use maps, atlases,
differences, patterns	questions e.g. What is it	and globes to identify	geographical questions,	widening range of	widening range of	globes and
and change.	like to live in this place?	the United Kingdom and	e.g. Describe the	geographical terms	geographical terms e.g.	digital/computer
		its countries, as well as	landscape. Why is it like	e.g. specific topic	specific topic vocabulary -	mapping to locate
Early Learning Goal	Use simple	the countries,	this? How is it changing?	vocabulary	climate zones, biomes and	countries and describe
Children know about	observational skills to	continents and oceans	What do you think		vegetation belts, rivers,	features studied.
similarities and	study the geography of	studied at this key stage.	about that? What do	Measure straight line	mountains, volcanoes and	
differences in	the school and its		you think it might be like	distances using the	earthquakes, and the	Use the eight points of a
relation to places,	grounds.	Use simple compass	ifcontinues?	appropriate scale.	water cycle.	compass, four and six-
objects, materials		directions (North, South,				figure grid references,
and living things.	Use simple maps of the	East and West) and	Analyse evidence and	Explore features on OS	Use maps, atlases, globes	symbols and key
They talk about the	local area e.g. large	locational and	draw conclusions e.g.	maps using 6 figure	and digital/computer	(including the use of
features of their own	scale, pictorial etc.	directional language e.g.	make comparisons	grid references.	mapping to locate	Ordnance Survey maps)
immediate		near and far; left and	between locations using		countries and describe	to build his/her
environment and	Use locational and	right, to describe the	aerial photos/pictures	Draw accurate maps	features studied.	knowledge of the United
how environments	directional language	location of features and	e.g. population,	with more complex		Kingdom and the wider
might vary from	(e.g. near and far; left	routes on a map.	temperatures etc.	keys.		world.
one another. They	and right) to describe		5	51		6.11
make observations of	the location of features	Use aerial photographs	Recognise that different	Plan the steps and		Use fieldwork to
animals and	and routes.	and plan perspectives to	people hold different	strategies for an		observe, measure,
plants and explain	National and a second	recognise landmarks	views about an issue	enquiry.		record and present the
why some things occur, and talk about	Make simple maps and	and basic human and physical features; devise	and begin understand some of the reasons			human and physical features in the local area
*	plans e.g. pictorial place	• •				
changes	in a story.	a simple map; and use and construct basic	why.			using a range of methods, including
		symbols in a key.	Communicate findings in			sketch maps, plans and
		symbols in a key.	ways appropriate to the			graphs, and digital
		Use simple fieldwork	task or for the audience.			technologies.
		and observational skills	task of for the addictice.			technologies.
		to study the geography	Understand and use a			Understand and use a
		of their school and its	widening range of			widening range of
		grounds and the key	geographical terms e.g.			geographical terms e.g.
		human and physical	specific topic vocabulary			specific topic vocabulary
		features of its	The second control of			- urban, rural, land use,
		surrounding	Use basic geographical			sustainability, tributary,
		environment.	vocabulary such as cliff,			trade links etc.
			ocean, valley,			
			vegetation, soil,			



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 	 mountain, port,	 	Use maps, charts etc. to
	harbour, factory, office.		support decision making
			about the location of
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	Make more detailed		places e.g. new bypass.
	fieldwork		
	sketches/diagrams.		
	Use fieldwork		
	instruments e.g.		
	camera, rain gauge.		
	Use and interpret maps,		
	globes, atlases and		
	digital / computer		
	mapping to locate		
	countries and key		
	features.		
	Use four figure grid		
	references.		
	references.		
	Use the 8 points of a		
	compass.		
	Make plans and maps		
	using symbols and keys.		
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	Place knowledge / Locational knowledge					
Name, describe and	Name and locate the	Identify where counties	Recognise the	Identify and describe the	Locate the world's	
compare familiar places.	world's seven continents	are within the UK and	different shapes of	significance of the	countries, using maps to	
	and five oceans.	the key topographical	continents.	Prime/Greenwich	focus on Europe	
Link their homes with		features.		Meridian and time zones	(including the location	
other places in their	Name, locate and		Demonstrate	including day and night.	of Russia) and North and	
local community.	identify characteristics	Name and locate the	knowledge of features		South America,	
	of the four countries	cities of the UK.	about places around	Recognise the different	concentrating on their	
Know about some	and capital cities of the		him/her and beyond	shapes of countries.	environmental regions,	
present changes that	United Kingdom.	Understand why there	the UK.		key physical and human	
are happening in the	Understand	are similarities and		Know about the wider	characteristics,	
local environment e.g.	geographical similarities	differences between	Identify where	context of places eg.	countries, and major	
at school. (Place	and differences through	places.	countries are within	county, region and	cities.	
knowledge)	studying the human and		Europe; including	country.		
	physical geography of a		Russia.			



 Suggest ideas for	small area of the United	Develop an awareness		Know and describe where	Name and locate
improving the school	Kingdom, and of a small	of how places relate	Recognise that people	a variety of places are in	counties and cities of
environment.	area in a contrasting	each other.	have differing quality	relation to physical and	the United Kingdom,
	non-European country.		of life living in	human features.	geographical regions
			different locations and		and their identifying
			environments.	Understand geographical	human and physical
				similarities and	characteristics, key
			Know how the locality	differences through the	topographical features
			is set within a wider	study of human and	(including hills,
			geographical context.	physical geography of a	mountains, coasts and
				region of the United	rivers), and land-use
			Know about the wider	Kingdom, a region in a	patterns; and
			context of places -	European country, and a	understand how some
			region, country.	region within North or	of these aspects have
				South America.	changed over time
			Understand why there		
			are similarities and	Identify the position and	Understand
			differences between	significance of latitude,	geographical similarities
			places.	longitude, Equator,	and differences through
				Northern Hemisphere,	the study of human and
			Know location of:	Southern Hemisphere, the	physical geography of a
			capital cities of	Tropics of Cancer and	region of the United
			countries of British	Capricorn, Arctic and	Kingdom, a region in a
			Isles and U.K., seas	Antarctic Circle, the	European country, and a
			around U.K., European	Prime/Greenwich	region within North or
			Union countries with	Meridian and time zones	South America.
			high populations and	(including day and night).	
			large areas and the		
			largest cities in each		
			continent.		
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