

Geography Vocabulary Progression

	Vocabulary			
EYFS	Introduce vocabulary to enable children to talk about their observations and to ask questions.	Use appropriate words, e.g. 'town', 'village', 'road', 'path', 'house', 'flat', 'temple' and 'synagogue', to help children make distinctions in their observations.		Encourage the use of words that help children to express opinions, e.g. 'busy', 'quiet' and 'pollution'.
	Locational Knowledge	Place Knowledge	Human and Physical Geography	Fieldwork and Skills
Year 1	UK (United Kingdom) country flag England Scotland Wales Northern Ireland capital city London Edinburgh Cardiff Belfast sea ocean English Channel North Sea Irish Sea Atlantic Ocean Greenland Australia	town seaside	Human geography vocabulary: city town house shop sustainable culture place Physical geography vocabulary: sea ocean season weather	map atlas globe photograph key Equator Northern hemisphere Southern hemisphere Landmark North South East West compass
Year 2	Atlantic Ocean Pacific Ocean Indian Ocean Arctic Ocean Southern Ocean continent	Human features skyscrapers mud hut Physical features	Human geography vocabulary: city town village port	map atlas globe aerial photograph key symbol

	Europe North America South America Africa Asia Oceania Antarctica Kenya Mombasa Massai Mara Nairobi	Coastline	harbour shop pollution litter fumes endangered hunters tribe sustainable culture place Physical geography vocabulary: beach cliff coast sea ocean continent	compass route north south west east directions near far left right Northern hemisphere Southern hemisphere Landmark
Year 3	Northern Hemisphere Europe Southern Hemisphere Arctic Circle Antarctic Circle Mediterranean Mediterranean Sea Iceland New Zealand Japan Greece	Physical features: The Alps Mont Blanc The River Volga Human features: The Acropolis	Human geography vocabulary: land use tourism economy farming mining risk prevention sustainable culture place	map atlas globe aerial photograph key symbol digital mapping eight point compass north east south west north east south east north west

			Physical geography vocabulary: Volcano Earthquake Tectonic plates hill formation igneous rock mantle crust magma magma chamber lava vent eruption ash cloud fault lines collision peak	south west sketch map
Year 4	Nottingham Egypt (Cairo) Nepal The Andes The Himalayas The Alps The Rockies Mt Everest Ben Nevis Scafell Pike Snowdon England Scotland Wales	The River Trent The River Severn The River Thames The River Nile	Human geography vocabulary: land use settlement risk hazard economy plastic pollution sustainable culture place Physical geography vocabulary:	map atlas globe aerial photograph key symbol digital mapping eight point compass north east south west north east south east north west south west

			Mantle Crust Tectonic plates fault lines collision altitude summit fold mountains fault block mountains river water cycle precipitation evaporation condensation Source Mouth Tributaries Upper course Middle course Lower course Oxbow lake	sketch map 4-figure grid references OS maps Contour lines
Year 5	North America USA (United States of America) South America Brazil Brazil Brasilia Arctic Circle Antarctic Circle Equator Tropic of Cancer Tropic of Capricorn Latitude	Amazon Rainforest South American countries The Andes The Atacama Desert Rural Urban	Human geography vocabulary: deforestation unsustainable loggers urbanisation climate change sustainable culture place Physical geography vocabulary: climate zone	map atlas globe aerial photograph key symbol digital mapping sketch map plan graph four and six figure grid reference Ordnance Survey (OS) Map longitude latitude

			biome rainforest tundra biodiversity habitat carbon sink	
Year 6	longitude latitude Greenwich Meridian Time zones The UK UK cities and counties	UK counties	Human geography vocabulary: energy pollution fossil fuels clean energy sustainable multiculturalism land use settlement import export global trade fair trade producer consumer supply chain port mechanisation resources culture place Physical geography vocabulary: climate	map atlas globe aerial photograph key symbol digital mapping sketch map plan graph six figure grid reference Ordnance Survey (OS) Map longitude latitude

