

Geographical vocabulary

The following sets out key geographical vocabulary for this year group. It has been designed for schools which are following our Long-Term Planning Pathways. Terms therefore relate to the topics that are being studied as part of that pathway.

It draws on key vocabulary that has been set out in the Oddizzi knowledge organisers for each topic. This vocabulary consolidates and builds on that which has been established in previous years and topics.

Being able to understand, use and apply key vocabulary is an essential part of children's developing knowledge of geographical places and concepts. It is therefore important that the use of these words is contextualised in the places and topics that children are learning about, rather than simply learned as a word list¹. The Oddizzi schemes and associated activities will help you to do this.

The list of words is based around three essential elements of geographical vocabulary:

- place names (including familiar places);
- geographical terms and processes;
- locational terms.

We also offer a brief selected glossary for the year group.

For subject co-ordinators, we provide a complete vocabulary list that covers all year groups. Class teachers may also want to look at this, so as to have some idea of which terms their children ought already to be familiar with.

¹ See Ofsted Handbook, 2019. "Inspectors will be alert to unnecessary or excessive attempts to simply prompt pupils to learn glossaries or long lists of disconnected facts."

Progression in Vocabulary - Year 1

During Year 1, children should become familiar with the following words and begin to use them in appropriate contexts. (To be used in conjunction with the Oddizzi Pathways Document.) Topics covered: *Weather and Seasons, United Kingdom, Local Area*

Place names	Geographical terms and processes	Locational terms
Antarctica Belfast Ben Nevis Cardiff Earth Edinburgh England English Channel Europe Ireland Irish Sea London North Atlantic Ocean Northern Ireland River Thames Scotland Wales <i>Surrey</i> <i>Chertsey</i> <i>Stepgates</i> Addlestone, Weybridge, New Haw	autumn building capital city castle city cloud country countryside freezing frosty ground island map misty month office rain route season shop snow spring street summer sunshine symbol temperature thunderstorm town village warm wind windy winter The months of the year	across Arctic east inside local north northern outside polar south west Prepositions and direction-finding terms such as, above, around, below, left, right, forward, near, inside, opposite, outside

Glossary

capital city: *the city where a country's government is located such as London or Edinburgh*

country: *an area of land that has its own government, such as the UK or France*

feature: *something you would find in a place that is usually there (such as a hill or a house)*

map symbol: *a small picture on a map that shows you where different things are (such as a bus station or a school)*

rain gauge: *a tool you can use to show how much it has rained*

route: *how you get from one place to another (for example, "you walk up the hill and turn towards the school when you get to the top")*

rural: *a rural area has fewer people living there. Rural areas include the countryside, villages and hamlets.*

season: *a time of the year with a particular type of weather*

settlement: *a place where people live*

temperature: *how hot or cold it is*

urban: *an urban area has lots of people living there. Towns, cities and suburbs are all urban areas.*