

Nursery	Reception	Areas of Learning	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Mathematics	Understanding	Geographical	Teacher led	Children	Begin to	Ask and respond	Begin to	Suggest
Understand	the World	enquiry	enquiries, to	encouraged to	ask/initiate	to questions and	suggest	questions for
position	Draw		ask and	ask simple	geographical	offer their own	questions for	investigating
through words	information		respond to	geographical	questions	ideas.	investigating	
alone. For	from a simple		simple closed	questions;			Begin to use	Use primary and
example, "The	map .		questions	Where is it?	Use NF books,	Extend to	primary and	secondary
bag is under				What's it like?	stories, atlases,	satellite images,	secondary	sources of
the table,"	Recognise		Use		pictures/photos	aerial	sources of	evidence in their
with no	some		information	Use NF books,	and internet as	photographs	evidence in	investigations
pointing	similarities/		books/pictures	stories, maps,	sources of		their	
	differences		as sources of	pictures/photos	information	Investigate	investigations	Investigate
Describe a	between life in		information	and internet as		places and		places with more
familiarroute	this country			sources of	Investigate	themes at more	Investigate	emphasis on the
	and life in		Investigate	information	places and	than one scale	places with	larger scale;
Discuss routes	other		their		themes at more		more emphasis	contrasting and
and locations, using words	countries		surroundings	Investigate their	than one scale	Collect and record evidence	on the larger scale;	distant places
like 'in front	Explore the		Make	surroundings	Begin to collect	with some aid	contrasting	Collect and
of' and	natural world		observations		and record		and distant	record evidence
'behind'	around them		about where	Make	evidence	Analyse evidence	places	unaided
	Recognise		things are e.g.	appropriate	- Analyse	and draw		
	some		within school	observations	evidence and	conclusions e.g.	Collect and	Analyse evidence
Understanding	environments		or local area	about why	begin to draw	make	record	and draw
the World	that are			things happen	conclusions e.g.	comparisons	evidence	conclusions e.g.
Use all their	different to			- Make simple	make	between	unaided	from field work
senses in	the one in			comparisons	comparisons	locations		data on land use
hands-on	which they live			between	between two	photos/pictures/	Analyse	comparing land
exploration of				features of	locations using	maps	evidence and	use/temperature,
				different places	photos/		draw	look at patterns

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natural	ELG				pictures,		conclusions	and explain
materials	People,				temperatures in		e.g. compare	reasons behind it
	Culture and				different		historical maps	
Begin to	Communities				locations		of varying	
understand	Describe						scale	
the need to	their	Direction/	Follow	Follow	Use 4 compass	Use 4 compass	Use 8 compass	Use 8 compass
respect and	immediate	Location	directions (Up,	directions (as	points to	points well	points	points confidently
care for the	environment		down,	YR 1 and	follow/give			and accurately
natural	using		left/right,	including	directions	Begin to use 8	Begin to use 4	
environment	knowledge		forwards/	NESW)		compass points;	figure	Use 4 figure co-
and all living	from		backwards)		Use letter/no.		coordinates to	ordinates
things	observation,				co-ordinates to	Use letter/no.	locate	confidently to
•	discussion,				locate features	co-ordinates to	features on a	locate features
Know that	stories, non-				on a map	locate features	map	on a map
there are	fiction texts				'	on a map	'	'
different	and maps.					confidently		Begin to use 6
countries in	•					,		figure grid refs;
the work and	Explain some							use latitude and
talk about the	similarities							longitude on atlas
differences	and							maps.
they have	differences	Drawing maps	Draw picture	Draw a map of a	Try to make a	Make a map of a	Begin to draw	Draw a variety of
experienced	between life	J	maps of	real or	map of a short	short route	a variety of	thematic maps
or seen in	in this country		imaginary	imaginary place.	route	experienced,	thematic maps	based on their
photos	and life in		places and	(e.g. add detail	experienced,	with features in	based on their	own data.
•	other		from stories	to a sketch map	with features in	correct order	own data	own dara.
	countries,		,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	from aerial	correct order			Begin to draw
	drawing on			photograph)	33113313131	Make a simple		plans of
	knowledge			Process are any	Try to make a	scale drawing		increasing
	from stories.				simple scale	scale at awing		complexity
	non-fiction				drawing			Complexity
	texts and	Representation	Use own	Begin to	Know why a key	Know why a key	Draw a sketch	Use and
	(when	Representation	symbols on	understand the	is needed	, ,		
	appropriate)		, <i>'</i>		is needed	is needed	map using	recognise OS map
	maps		imaginary map.	need for a key	Use standard		symbols and a	symbol
						Begin to	key	
					symbols	recognise		Use atlas symbols

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The Natural World Know some similarities and differences between the natural world	Using maps	Use a simple picture map to move around the school	Use class agreed symbols to make a simple key Follow a route on a map Use a plan view	Locate places on larger scale maps, e.g. map of Europe	symbols on an OS map Locate places on large scale maps, e.g. Find UK or India on globe	Use and recognise OS map symbols Compare maps with aerial photographs Select a map	Follow a short route on an OS map. Describe features shown
around them and contrasting environments, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in		Recognise that it is about a place	Use an infant atlas to locate places	Follow a route on a map with some accuracy, e.g. whilst orienteering	Follow a route on a large-scale map	for a specific purpose, e.g. pick atlas to find Taiwan, OS map to find local village	on OS map Locate places on a world map Use atlases to find out about other features of places, e.g.
class. Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world						Begin to use atlases to find out about other features of places, e.g. find wettest part of the world	mountain regions, weather patterns
around them, including the seasons.	Scale/Distance	Use relative vocabulary e.g.	Begin to spatially match	Begin to match boundaries, e.g.	Begin to match boundaries, e.g.	Measure straight line	Use a scale to measure
		bigger/smaller, like/dislike	places, e.g. recognise UK on a small scale	find same boundary of a country on	find same boundary of a county on	distance on a plan	distances

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			and larger scale	different scale	different scale	Find/recognise	Draw/use maps
			map	maps	maps	places on maps	and plans at a
						of different	range of scales
						scales, e.g.	
						The Nile	
	Perspective	Draw around	Look down on	Begin to draw a	Draw a sketch	Draw a plan	Draw a plan
		objects to	objects to make	sketch map	map from a	view map with	view map
		make a plan	a plan view map	from a high	high view point	some accuracy	accurately
				view point			·
	Map knowledge	Learn names of	Locate and	Begin to	Begin to identify	Identify	Confidently
		some places	name on UK map	identify points	significant places	significant	identify
		within/around	major features,	on maps A, B	and environments	places and	significant places
		the UK, e.g.	e.g. London,	and C		environments	and environments
		home town,	River Thames,				
		cities,	home location				
		countries, e.g.	and seas				
		Wales, France					
	Style of map	Picture maps	Globe	Large scale OS	Large and	Index and	Use OS maps
		and globes	Teacher drawn	maps	medium scale OS	contents page	Atlas
			base maps	Map sites on	maps	within atlases	World map
			Large scale OS	internet	Junior atlases	Medium scale	
			maps	Junior atlases	Map sites on	land ranger	
			Infant atlas	Aerial/oblique	internet	OS maps	
				photographs	Aerial/oblique		
				F.131091 april	photographs		
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