

Geography Medium Term Plan

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Year	What is it like here?	What is the weather like in the UK?	What is it like to live in Shanghai?
1	None Place knowledge	Locational knowledge Name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas	Locational knowledge Name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans
	Human and physical knowledge use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to: key physical features, including: beach, cliff, coast, forest, hill, mountain, sea, ocean, river, soil, valley, vegetation, season and weather.	Place knowledge None Human and physical knowledge	Place knowledge Understand geographical similarities and differences through studying the human and physical geography of a small area of the United Kingdom, and of a small area in a contrasting non-European country
	use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to: key human features, including: city, town, village, factory, farm, house, office, port, harbour and shop Geographical skills and fieldwork	Identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom and the location of hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South Poles	Human and physical knowledge Use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to: key physical features, including: beach, cliff, coast, forest, hill, mountain, sea, ocean, river, soil, valley, vegetation, season and weather
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	use aerial photographs and plan perspectives to recognise landmarks and basic human and physical features; devise a simple map; and use and construct basic symbols in a key	Use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of their school and its grounds and the key human and physical features of its surrounding environment.	Use simple compass directions (North, South, East and West) and locational and directional language [for example, near and far; left and right], to describe the location of features and routes on a map
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Year 2

Would you prefer to live in a hot or cold place?

Locational knowledge

Name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans

Place knowledge

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Human and physical knowledge

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Geographical skills and fieldwork

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Why is our world wonderful?

Locational knowledge

Name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans

Name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas

Place knowledge

None

Human and physical knowledge

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What is it like to live by the coast?

Locational knowledge

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Year 3

Why do people live near volcanoes?

Locational knowledge

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Place knowledge

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Human and physical knowledge

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Geographical skills and fieldwork

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Who live in Antarctica?

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Are all settlements the same?

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Why are rainforests important to us?

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Geographical skills and fieldwork

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Where does our food come from?

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What are rivers and how are they used?

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What is life like in the Alps?

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Why do oceans matter?

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Would you like to live in the desert?

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Why does population change? **Locational knowledge**

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Geographical skills and fieldwork

Can I carry out an independent fieldwork enquiry?

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