

Progression of Skills and Knowledge: Geography

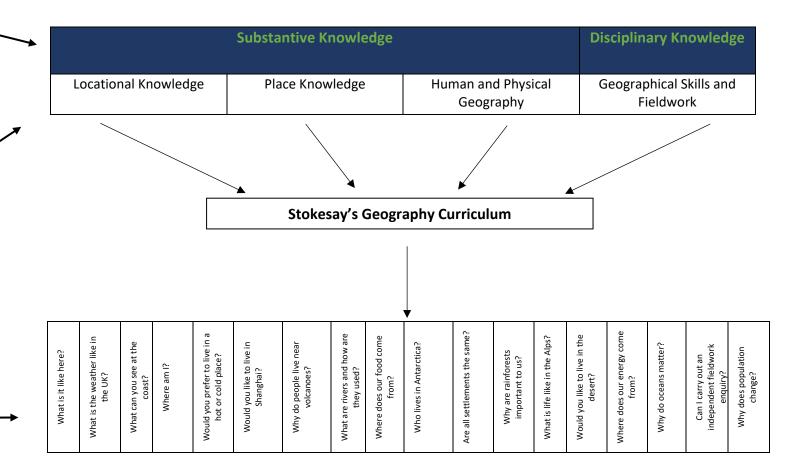
1. This is the overarching knowledge that underpins our whole geography curriculum. Substantive and disciplinary.

2. This knowledge is then broken into five skill strands: Locational Knowledge, Place Knowledge, Human and Physical Geography and Geographical Skills and Fieldwork

Each of these skills will be incorporated and built upon during each of the units of art explained below.

3. Finally, we arrive at the units of geography that are studied.

Each of these units contains the five skill strands, as explained above. This means that every unit of art gives pupils the chance to practise their Locational Knowledge, Place Knowledge, Human and Physical Geography and Geographical Skills and Fieldwork



Locational Knowledge

Year 1/2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
-Locating all the world's seven continents on a	-Locating some countries in Europe and North and South America using maps.	Locating more countries in Europe and North and South America
world map.	-Locating some major cities of the countries studied.	using maps.
-Locating the world's five oceans on a world map.	-Locating some key physical features in countries studied on a map including significant environmental regions.	Locating major cities of the countries studied.
-Showing on a map the oceans nearest the	-Locating some key human features in countries studied.	Locating key physical features in countries studied on a map .
continent they live in.	-Locating the world's most significant mountain ranges on a world map and identifying any patterns.	Locating key human features in countries studied.
-Showing on a map which continent they live in.	-Locating where the world's volcanoes are on a map and identifying the 'Ring of Fire'.	Identifying significant environmental regions on a map.
-To be able to name the seven continents of the	-Locating some of the world's most significant rivers and identifying any patterns.	Using maps to show the distribution of the world's climate zones,
world.	-To know where North and South America are on a world map.	biomes and
-To know that a continent is a group of countries.	-To know the names of some countries and major cities in Europe and North and South America.	vegetation belts.
-To know that they live in the continent of Europe.	-To know the names of some of the world's most significant mountain ranges.	To know the name of many countries and major cities in Europe
-To know that an ocean is a large body of water and	-To know the names of some of the world's most significant rivers.	and North and
that a sea is a body of water that is smaller than an	-To know that mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes largely occur at plate boundaries.	South America.
ocean.	-To know that climate zones are areas of the world with similar climates.	To know the location of key physical features in countries studied.
-To be able to name the five oceans of the world.	-To know the world's different climate zones (equatorial, tropical, hot desert, temperate and polar).	To name and describe some of the world's vegetation belts (ice
-Locating the four countries of the United Kingdom	-To know that biomes are areas of world with similar climates, vegetation and animals.	cape, tundra,
(UK) on a map of this area.	-To know the world's biomes.	coniferous forest, deciduous forest, evergreen forest, mixed
-Showing on a map which country they live in and	-To know vegetation belts are areas of the world which are home to similar plant species.	forest, temperate
locating its capital city.	-Locating some counties in the UK (local to your school).	grassland, tropical grassland, mediterranean, desert scrub, desert,
-Locating the surrounding seas and oceans of the	-Locating some cities in the UK (local to your school).	highland).*
UK on a map of this area.	-Identifying key physical and human characteristics of counties, cities and/or geographical regions in the UK.	Locating many counties in the UK.
-Locating the capital cities of the four countries of	-Beginning to locate the twelve geographical regions of the UK.	Locating many cities in the UK.
the UK on a map of this area.	-Identifying how topographical features studied have changed over time using examples.	Confidently locating the twelve geographical regions of the UK.
-Identifying characteristics (both human and	-Describing how a locality has changed over time, giving examples of both physical and human features.	Identifying key physical and human characteristics of the
physical) of the four capital cities of the UK.	-To know the name of some counties in the UK (local to your school).	geographical regions in the UK.
-Showing on a map the city, town or village where	-To know the name of some cities in the UK (local to your school).	Understanding how land-use has changed over time using
they live in relation to their capital city.	-To know the name of the county that they live in and their closest city.	examples.

-To know that the UK is short for 'United Kingdom'.	-To begin to name the twelve geographical regions of the UK.	Explaining why a locality has changed over time, giving examples
-To know that a country is a land or nation with its	-To know the main types of land use.	of
own government.	-To know some types of settlement.	both physical and human features.
-To know that the United Kingdom is made up of	-Finding the position of the Equator and describing how this impacts our environmental regions.	To know the name of many counties in the UK.
four countries and their names.	-Finding lines of latitude and longitude on a globe and explaining why these are important.	To know the name of many cities in the UK.
-To know the name of the country they live in.	-Identifying the position of the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn and their significance.	To confidently name the twelve geographical regions of the UK.
-To know that there are four bodies of water	-Identifying the position of the Northern and Southern hemispheres and explaining how they shape our seasons.	To know that London and the South East regions have the largest
surrounding the UK and to be able to name them.	-Identifying the position and significance of both the Arctic and Antarctic Circle.	population in the UK.
-To name some characteristics of the four capital	-To know that countries near the Equator have less seasonal change than those near the poles.	Identifying the location of the Prime/Greenwich Meridian and
cities of the UK.	-To know that the Equator is a line of latitude indicating the hottest places on Earth and splitting our globe into the	time zones
-To know the four capital cities of the UK.	Northern and Southern Hemispheres.	(including day and night) and explaining its significance.
-To know that a capital city is the city where a	-To know lines of longitude are invisible lines on the globe that determine how far east or west a location is from the	Using longitude and latitude when referencing location in an atlas
country's government is located.	Prime Meridian.	or on a
	-To know lines of latitude are invisible lines on the globe that determine how far north or south a location is from the	globe.
	Equator.	To know the Prime/Greenwich Meridian is a line of longitude
	-To know the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn are lines of latitude and mark the equatorial region; the countries with	which goes
	the hottest climates.	through 0° and determines the start of the world's time zones.
	-To know the Northern and Southern hemisphere are 'halves' of the Earth, above and below our Equator and have	
	alternate seasons to each other.	
	-To know the boundaries of the polar regions are marked by the invisible lines the Arctic and Antarctic circle.	
	-To know the patterns of daylight in the Arctic and Antarctic circle and the Equatorial regions.	
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Place Knowledge

Year 1/2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
-Naming and beginning to describe some key similarities between their local	-Describing and beginning to explain similarities between two regions studied.	-Describing and explaining similarities between two environmental regions
area and a small area of a contrasting non-European country.	-Describing and beginning to explain differences between two regions studied.	studied.
-Naming and beginning to describe some key differences between their local	-Describing how and why humans have responded in different ways to their local	-Describing and explaining differences between two environmental regions
area and a small area of a contrasting non-European country.	environments.	studied.
-Describing what physical features may occur in a hot place in comparison to	-Discussing how climates have an impact on trade, land use and settlement.	-Explaining how and why humans have responded in different ways to their
a cold place.	-Explaining what measures humans have taken in order to adapt to survive in cold	local environments in two contrasting regions.
-To know that life elsewhere in the world is often different to theirs.	places.	-Understanding how climates impact on trade, land use and settlement.
-To know that life elsewhere in the world often has similarities to theirs.	-Describing and explaining how people who live in a contrasting physical area may	-Explaining how humans have used desert environments.
-To know some similarities and differences between their local area and a	have different lives to people in the UK.	-Using maps to explore wider global trading routes.
contrasting non-European country.	-To know the negative effects of living near a volcano.	-To know some similarities and differences between the UK and a
	-To know the positive effects of living near a volcano.	European mountain region.
	-To know the negative effects an earthquake can have on a community.	-To know why tourists visit mountain regions.
	-To know ways in which communities respond to earthquakes.	

Human and Physical Geography

Year 1/2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
-Describing how the weather changes with each season in the UK.	-Mapping and labelling the seven biomes on a world map.	-Describing and understanding the key aspects of the six biomes.
-Describing the daily weather patterns in their locality.	-Understanding some of the causes of climate change.	-Describing and understanding the key aspects of the six climate zones.
-Confidently using the vocabulary 'season' and 'weather'.	-Describing how physical features, such as mountains and rivers are formed, and	-Understanding some of the impacts and causes of climate change.
-Locating some hot and cold areas of the world on a world map.	why volcanoes and earthquakes occur.	-Describing and understanding the key aspects and distribution of the
-Locating the Equator and North and South Poles on a world map.	-Describing where volcanoes, earthquakes and mountains are located globally.	vegetation belts in relation to the six biomes, climate and
-Locating hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the	-Describing and explaining how physical features such as rivers, mountains,	weather.
North and South poles.	volcanoes and earthquakes have had an impact upon the surrounding landscape and	-Giving examples of alternative viewpoints and solutions regarding an
-To know the four seasons of the UK.	communities.	environmental issue and explaining its links to climate change.
-To know that 'weather' refers to the conditions outside at a particular time.	-Describing how humans use water in a variety of ways.	-To know vegetation belts are areas of the world that are home to similar
-To know that different parts of the UK often experience different weather.	-To know that the water cycle is the processes and stores which move water around	plant species.
-To know that a weather forecast is when someone tries to predict what the	our Earth and to be able to name these.	-To name and describe some of the world's vegetation belts.
weather will be like in the near future.	-To know the courses and key features of a river.	-To know why the ocean is important.
-To know that weather conditions can be measured and recorded.	-To know the different types of mountains and volcanoes and how they are formed.	-Describing and understanding economic activity including trade
-To know that the Equator is an imaginary line around the middle of the	-To know that an earthquake is the intense shaking of the ground.	links.
Earth.	-To know that a biome is a region of the globe sharing a similar climate, landscape,	-Suggesting reasons why the global population has grown significantly in
-To know that, because it is the widest part of the Earth, the Equator is much	vegetation and wildlife.	the last 70 years.
closer to the sun than the North and South poles.	-To know the world's biomes.	-Describing the 'push' and 'pull' factors that people may consider when
-To know that the North Pole is the northernmost point of the Earth and the	-To know that the hottest biomes are found between the Tropics of Cancer and	migrating.
South Pole is the southernmost point of the Earth.	Capricorn.	-Understanding the distribution of natural resources both globally and
-To know that different parts of the world experience different weather	-To know that climate zones are areas of the world with similar climates.	within a specific region or country studied.
conditions and that these are often caused by the location of the place.	-To know the world's different climate zones.	-Recognising geographical issues affecting people in different places and
-Recognising and describing some physical features of a location using	-To know that climates can influence the foods able to grow.	environments.
subject-specific vocabulary.	-Describing and understanding types of settlement and land use.	-Describing and explaining how humans can impact the
-To know that physical features means any feature of an area that is on the	-Explaining why a settlement and community has grown in a particular location.	environment both positively and negatively, using examples.
Earth naturally.	-Explaining why different locations have different human features.	-To know the global population has grown significantly since the 1950s.
-To know that coasts (and other physical features) change over time.	-Explaining why people might prefer to live in an urban or rural place.	-To know which factors are considered before people build

-To know some key physical features of the UK.	-Describing how humans can impact the environment both positively and negatively,	settlements.
-Recognising and describing some human features of a location using subject-	using examples.	-To know migration is the movement of people from one country to
specific vocabulary.	-To know the main types of land use.	another.
-Describing and understanding the differences between a city, town and	-To know the different types of settlement.	-To know that natural resources can be used to make energy.
village.	-To know water is used by humans in a variety of ways.	-To know some positive impacts of humans on the environment.
-To know that human features means any feature of an area that was made	-To know an urban place is somewhere near a town or city.	-To know some negative impacts of humans on the environment.
or built by humans.	-To know a rural place is somewhere near the countryside.	
-To know that a sea is a body of water that is smaller than an ocean.	-To know that a natural resource is something that people can use which comes	
-To know that human features change over time.	from the natural environment.	
-To know some key human features of the UK.	-To know the threats to the rainforest both on a local and global scale.	
	-To know that fair trading is the process of ensuring workers are paid a fair price,	
	have safe working conditions and are treated with respect and equality.	
	-To know the UK grows food locally and imports food from other countries.	

Geographical Skills and Fieldwork

	Year 1/2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
Question	-Asking questions about the world around themRecognising there are different ways to answer a question.	-Beginning to choose the best approach to answer an enquiry question.	-Developing their own enquiry questionsChoosing the best approach to answering an enquiry question.
Observe	-Commenting on and discussing the features they see in the area surrounding their school when on a walk. -Asking and answering simple questions about human and physical features of the area surrounding their school grounds.	-Mapping land use in a small local area using maps and plans. -Making a plan for how they wish to collect data to answer an enquiry-based question, with the support of a teacher. -Asking and answering one- step and two-step geographical questions. -Observing, recording, and naming geographical features in their local environments.	-Making sketch maps of areas studied including labels and keys where necessaryMaking an independent or collaborative plan of how they wish to collect data to answer an enquiry based question.
Measure	-Asking and answering simple questions about the features of their school and school groundsCollecting quantitative data through a small survey of the local area/school to answer an enquiry question.	-Using simple sampling techniques appropriatelyMaking digital audio recordings for a specific purposeDesigning a questionnaire / interviews to collect quantitative fieldwork data.	-Selecting appropriate methods for data collectionDesigning interviews/questionnaires to collect qualitative dataBeginning to use standard field sampling techniques appropriately.
Record	-Drawing some of the features they notice in their school and school grounds in correct relation to each other on a sketch mapClassifying the features they notice into human and physical with teacher supportTaking digital photographs of geographical features in the localityMaking digital audio recordings when interviewing someone.	-Taking digital photos and labelling or captioning themMaking annotated sketches, field drawings and freehand maps to record observations during fieldworkBeginning to use a simplified Likert Scale to record their judgements of environmental qualityUsing a questionnaire/interviews to collect qualitative fieldwork data.	-Using GIS (Geographical Information Systems) to plot data sets (e.g prevalence of crime in certain areas) onto base maps which can then be analysed. -Using a simplified Likert Scale to record their judgements of environmental quality. -Conducting interviews/questionnaires to collect qualitative dataInterpreting and using real-time/live data. -To identify and mitigate potential risks during fieldwork.
Present	-Using a simple recording technique to express their feelings about a specific place and explaining why they like/dislike some of its featuresPresenting data in simple tally charts or pictograms and commenting on what the data showsAsking and answering simple questions about data.	-Presenting data using plans, freehand sketch maps, annotated drawings, graphs, presentations, writing and digital technologies when communicating geographical information. -Suggesting different ways that a locality could be changed and improved. -Finding answers to geographical questions through data collection. -Analysing and presenting quantitative data in charts and graphs.	-Deciding how to present data using plans, freehand sketch maps, annotated drawings, graphs, presentations, writing at length and digital technologies when communicating geographical informationDrawing conclusions about an enquiry using findings from fieldwork to support your reasoningsEvaluating evidence collected and suggesting ways to improve thisAnalysing quantitative data in pie charts, line graphs and graphs with two variables.

Year 1/2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
-Using an atlas to locate the UK.	-Beginning to use maps at more than one scale.	-Confidently using and understanding maps at more than one scale.
-Using a map to locate the four countries of the UK.	-Using atlases, maps, globes, satellite images and beginning to use digital mapping	-Using atlases, maps, globes and digital mapping to locate countries
-Recognising why maps need a title.	to locate countries studied .	studied.
-Using an atlas to locate the four capital cities of the UK.	-Using atlases, maps, globes and beginning to use digital mapping to	-Using atlases, maps, globes and digital mapping to describe and explain
-Using a world map, globe and atlas to locate all the world's seven	recognise and describe physical features and human features in countries studied .	physical and human features in countries studiedIdentifying, analysing
continents.	-Using the scale bar on a map to estimate distances.	and asking questions about distributions and relationships between
-Using a world map, globe and atlas to locate the world's five oceans.	-Finding countries and features of countries in an atlas using contents and index.	features using maps (e.g settlement distribution).
-Using directional language to describe the location of objects in the	-Zooming in and out of a digital map.	-Using the scale bar on a map to calculate distances.
classroom and playground.	-Beginning to use the key on an OS map to name and recognise key physical and	-Recognising an increasing range of Ordnance Survey symbols on maps and
-Using directional language to describe features on a map in relation to other	human features in regions studied.	locating features using six-figure grid references.
features (real or imaginary).	-Accurately using 4-figure grid references to locate features on a map in regions	-Recognising the difference between Ordnance Survey and other maps and
-Responding to instructions using directional language to follow routes.	studied.	when it is most appropriate to use each.
-Using locational language and the compass points (N, S, E, W) to describe	-Beginning to locate features using the 8 points of a compass.	-Beginning to use thematic maps to recognise and describe human and
the location of features on a map.	-Using a simple key on their own map to show an example of both physical and	physical features studied.
-Using locational language and the compass points (N, S, E, W) to describe	human features.	-Using models and maps to talk about contours and slopes.
the route on a map.	-Following a route on a map with some accuracy.	-Selecting a map for a specific purpose.
-Using locational language and the compass points (N, S, E, W) to plan a route	-Saying which directions are N, S, E, W on an OS map.	-Confidently using the key on an OS map to name and recognise key
in the playground or school grounds.	-Making and using a simple route on a map.	physical and human features in regions studied.
-Using a map to follow a prepared route.	-Labelling some features on an aerial photograph and then locating these on an OS	-Accurately using 4 and 6-figure Grid References to locate features on a
-Adding labels to sketch maps.	map of the same locality and scale in regions studied.	map in regions studied.
-Using simple picture maps and plans to move around the school.	-To understand that a scale shows how much smaller a map is compared to real life.	-Confidently locating features using the 8 points of a compass.
-Recognising landmarks of a city studied on aerial photographs and plan	-To recognise world maps as a flattened globe.	-Following a short pre-prepared route on an OS map.
perspectives.	-To know that an OS (Ordnance survey) map is used for personal use and	-Identifying the 8 compass points on an OS map.
-Recognising human features on aerial photographs and plan perspectives.	organisations use it for housing projects, planning the natural environment and	-Planning a journey to another part of the world using six figure grid
-Recognising physical features on aerial photographs and plan perspectives.	public transport and for security purposes.	references and the eight points of a compass.
-Drawing a map and using class agreed symbols to make a simple key.	-To know that an OS map shows human and physical features as symbols.	-To know that contours on a map show height and slope.
-Drawing a simple sketch map of the playground or school grounds using	-To know that grid references help us locate a particular square on a map.	-To know that qualitative data involves qualities, characteristics and is
symbols to represent human and physical features.	-To know the eight points of a compass are north, south, east, west, north-east,	largely opinion based and subjective.
-Finding a given OS symbol on a map with support.	south-east, north-west, south-west.	-To know that GIS is a digital system that creates and manages maps, used
-Beginning to draw objects to scale (e.g show the school playground is	-To know the main types of land use (agricultural, residential, recreational,	to support analysis for enquiries.
smaller than the school or school field).	commercial, industrial and transportation)	-To know that a pie chart can represent a fraction or percentage of a whole
-Using an aerial photograph to draw a simple sketch map using basic symbols	-To know an enquiry-based question has an open-ended answer found by research.	set of data.
for a key.	-To know how to use various simple sampling techniques.	-To know a line graph can represent variables over time.
-To know that an aerial photograph is a photograph taken from the air above.	-To know what a questionnaire and an interview are.	-To be aware of some issues in the local area.
-To know that atlases give information about the world and that a map tells	-To know that quantitative data involves numerical facts and figures and is often	-To know what a range of data collection methods look like.
us information about a place.	objective.	-To know how to use a range of data collection methods.
-To know that a map is a picture of a place, usually drawn from above.		

-To know that symbols are often used on maps to represent features. -To know that an annotated drawing or sketch map is hand drawn and gives a rough -To know simple directional language (e.g near, far, up, down, left, right, idea of features of an area without having to be completely accurate. forwards, backwards). -To know a Likert scale is used to record people's feelings and attitudes. -To know what a sketch map is. -To know that qualitative data involves opinions, thoughts and feelings and is often -To know that a globe is a spherical model of the Earth. subjective. -To begin to recognise world maps as a flattened globe. -To know what a bar chart, pictogram and table are and when to use which one best -To know that a compass is an instrument we can use to find which direction to represent data. -To know which direction is N, S, E, W on a map. -To know that maps need a title and purpose. -To know that maps need a key to explain what the symbols and colours represent. -To know that an interview can be a way to find out people's views about -To know that a tally chart is a way of collecting data quickly. -To know that a pictogram is a chart that uses pictures to show data.