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	3 & 4-year-olds will be learning to:	Children in Reception will be learning to:	ELG
Understandin g the World	 Know that there are different countries in the world and talk about the differences they have experienced or seen in photos. Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things. 	 Draw information from a simple map. Understand that some places are special to members of their community. Recognise some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries. Recognise some environments that are different to the one in which they live. Understand the effect of changing seasons on the natural world around them. 	People Culture and Communities Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, non-fiction texts and maps. Know some similarities and differences between different religious and cultural communities in this country, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class. Explain some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries, drawing on knowledge from stories, non-fiction texts and — when appropriate — maps. Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class.
KS1 readiness objectives	Locational Knowledge Know where they live Know how they travel to school	Knowledge of places Talk about some of the differences they notice when they are in different places Talk about places when looking at books and watching tv/videos Talking about places they have been to Talk about places in stories Using language that relates to place	Human and physical geographical knowledge Recognise elements of their environment that are manmade and natural Using maps Make maps from stories Follow simple maps in play



Threshold Concept	Knowledge Category	Breadth	Basic Year 1	Advancing Year 2	Deep
I N V E S T	L O	The Uk	List (and show on a map) the countries that make up: Great Britain The United Kingdom The British Isles. In which ocean is the United Kingdom? Which country is south of the United Kingdom? What is an archipelago? What does it mean if a country is described as a union? What is a monarchy? What is a democratic government?	Summarise the geographical location of the United Kingdom. Doint out the difference between: Great Britain the United Kingdom the British Isles. Explain some of the features of the United Kingdom's government. Compare and contrast a republic with a monarchy.	True or false? Great Britain is an island. Investigate some of the most remote islands of the British Isles archipelago. Suggest reasons why people may live in remote areas of the British Isles.
I G	C A T	England: London	Where is London?	Compare the location of London with that of Edinburgh.	True or false? London is England's southernmost city.
A T E	I O N	Continents and Oceans	Locate and mark on a map the seven continents. Locate and mark on a map the five oceans. What are the closest seas to the United Kingdom?	Organise the continents in order of size. Organise the oceans in order of size.	Which best describes the location of the continent of Africa: the second biggest continent a continent in the northern and southern hemisphere a poor continent?
LACES INVESTIGATE PLACES		Australia	Describe the location of Australia. What is the Commonwealth? What is Australia's capital city? Which ocean surrounds Australia? Is Australia a continent or a country?	Compare and contrast the location of Australia and the United Kingdom.	Which of the following best describes the location of Australia: a member of the Commonwealth a country and continent in the southern hemisphere, surrounded by the Pacific Ocean. a country near to the Great Barrier Reef?
		Australia: Sydney	Describe the location of Sydney. Describe some of the features surrounding Sydney. In which state is Sydney? Is Sydney the capital of Australia?	Compare and contrast the locations of Sydney and London.	What best describes the location of Sydney: the capital city of Australia Australia's second largest city an east coast Australian city next to the Pacific Ocean?
		Climate	Locate and label where polar climates are found. Locate and label where equatorial climates are found. Locate and label where desert climates are found.	Compare and contrast the locations of polar, equatorial and desert climates.	Which best describes the location of equatorial climates: very hot places places that have rainforests near the equator?
	P H Y S I C A L F E A T	The UK: England	What is the name of the range of hills that runs from north to south through England? Name some of the mountains and lakes of the Lake District. What is England's highest peak?	Classify different physical features in England, giving examples.	Always, sometimes or never? Rural areas have rivers but cities have houses.
		Continents and Oceans	What is the part of the Earth's crust that is not submerged by water? What is a continent? Which is the biggest continent? What does 'saline' mean? What are oceans that are enclosed called?	Explain the difference between: a continent and a country an ocean and a sea.	True or false? Land floats on the oceans.
	U R E S	Australia	What is the Outback? What is Uluru? Name Australia's highest peak. What is Australia's longest river? What is the Great Barrier Reef?	Compare and contrast the main physical features of Australia and the United Kingdom.	Investigate the significance of Uluru.
		Climate	Define the words 'weather' and 'climate'. Describe the physical features of polar, equatorial and desert climates.	What are the similarities and differences in the physical features of polar, equatorial and desert climates? Summarise the difference between weather and climate.	Investigate why vast numbers of plants and animals thrive in equatorial climates.



		H U M A N		The UK: England	Name England's capital city. What is most land in cities used for? What is most land in the countryside used for?	Compare and contrast the populations of the countries of the United Kingdom. Compare and contrast the human features of cities and rural areas.	Do you agree? All cities in England have a cathedral.	
		F E A T U		England: London	What is special about the city of London to the United Kingdom? Name some famous landmarks in London. Describe the population of London.	Point out some important landmarks on a map of London.	Always, sometimes or never? New buildings in London are skyscrapers.	
				Continents and Oceans	What is a country? Which continent is uninhabited?	Explain why Antarctica is not inhabited.	True or false? Countries would not exist without people but continents would.	
	I N V E S T I G A T E P		,	The UK: England	Which word describes people who have moved to one country from another? List some reasons why people may move from one country to another.	Point out areas of the world that have high numbers of people leaving as refugees.	Always, sometimes or never? People who leave their country of birth are called refugees.	
E				England: London	Describe two ways in which London is diverse.	Compare and contrast the type of businesses found in Canary Wharf with those found in Tower Hamlets.	Do you agree? London has a diverse mix of foods available to buy from all over the world.	
A T E			R O C	Weather	Observe and record the weather for a whole school year. Define the word 'weather'. Where does the physical process of weather take place? What is the atmosphere? Define the word 'climate'. What is a physical process?	Compare and contrast the weather across all four seasons.	Always, sometimes or never? It is hot in summer and cold in winter.	
R	ATTERNS GEOGRAPHICALLY	C A L	C S A E	Extreme weather	What is a heatwave? What is a drought? What is a flood? What is a monsoon? What is a blizzard? What is a gale (or storm)? What is a cyclone (or hurricane)? What is a tornado (or twister)?	Compare and contrast three different types of extreme weather. Summarise the effect of floods from monsoons in Bangladesh.	Do you agree? A drought is less damaging than a flood.	
		H U M A N	PROCESSES	Australia: Sydney	Who were the first people to inhabit the area now known as Sydney? When did the first Europeans settle in Sydney? Why did the first European settlers settle in Australia? What are convicts?	What are the main similarities and differences between the tourist attractions of Sydney and London?	Which is the odd one out when describing modern Sydney: tourism trade European convicts?	
O M			T E C	Weather	Label common weather symbols.	Categorise types of weather in different ways. (Teacher note: e.g. mild, stormy, fair, extreme.)	Which mapping technique is most useful for weather forecasting: -globes - satellite images - weather symbols?	
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A T		I C	 	Mapping the world	What is a globe? What is a map? What is an atlas? What is a satellite image?	Compare and contrast a map of Earth with a satellite image. Point out the main differences between a globe and a map.	Recommend the best technique to track the course of a hurricane. True or false? Maps are more detailed than globes.	
		A L E	U E S	Q U E		Describing maps of the world	Label a compass rose showing: north, south, west and east. Label an image of Earth showing: north, south, west and east. Label an image of Earth showing: North Pole, South Pole, axis, equator, northern hemisphere and southern hemisphere.	Use an atlas and explain the method to find the: United Kingdom five oceans seven continents location of the school.



Threshold Concept	Knowledge Category	Breadth	Basic Year 3	Advancing Year 4	Deep
I N V E S		Europe	Which landmass is the continent of Europe part of? What are the two main boundaries between Europe and Asia?	Compare and contrast the location of Europe and of North America.	Which best describes the location of Europe: a landmass containing over 50 countries entirely in the northern hemisphere, to the west of Asia a diverse continent with 23 recognised official languages spoken?
3 T	O C A T I O N	International trade: food	Define the term 'food miles'. Locate on a map and label the food miles for a range of foods imported into the United Kingdom. Define the term 'food security'. Locate on a map and label areas where the food security risk is high.	Compare and contrast the geographical locations from which oranges and bananas are imported in the UK. Explain some of the concerns about food miles.	Investigate the issue of food security in African countries.
P L A C		Earthquakes and volcanoes: impact	Locate and label on a map areas that have examples of the lowest and highest intensity volcanoes. Locate and label on a map the areas affected by the: 2004 Boxing Day tsunami 1906 San Francisco earthquake 79 CE eruption of Vesuvius.	Compare and contrast the geographical locations of mountainous areas with extinct volcanoes and mountainous areas with active, high-intensity volcanoes.	Investigate the extent of the area affected by the 2004 Boxing Day tsunami.
υ တ	P H Y S I C A L F E A T U R E S	Landscapes -rivers	What is a watercourse? Which physical process is a river part of? Describe what happens to water in a river. What is the name of a smaller river that flows into a larger river? Name some synonyms for rivers. What is the name for the beginning of a river? What is the name for the end of a river? What is the name for the end of a river? Draw and label a river's channel, bed and banks. On the diagram, label upstream, downstream, left bank and right bank. Draw a cross section of a river and describe its shape. Draw and label a meander. Name a European river that has a meander. What is a delta? What is an estuary? What is a subterranean river? Locate and name some of the longest rivers in the world.	What is the difference between a: river's source and its mouth tributary and a river surface and a subterranean river meander and a mouth?	Investigate the physical features of a European river estuary.
		Earthquakes and volcanoes: plate tectonics	Label and describe the Earth's: core outer core mantle crust. Describe what tectonic plates are. What are the boundaries of tectonic plates called? Locate and label on a world map the main tectonic plate boundaries.	Compare and contrast the Earth's crust and mantle. Explain the physical features of a volcano. What are the similarities and differences in the physical features of a volcano and a mountain?	Relate your knowledge of plate tectonics to your understanding of rocks and fossils. Investigate how the world's continents have changed in appearance since the creation of the Earth.
		Clouds and precipitation	What is a cloud? How are clouds formed? Define the word 'precipitation'. Draw and label the different types of cloud in their correct positions in the atmosphere. Describe the nature of the different types of cloud. What do the prefix 'nimbo' and the suffix 'nimbus' mean?	Compare and contrast a photograph of a cool bright winter's day with one of a rainy, dull day. Identify clouds in pictures. Explain how meteorologists use clouds to forecast the weather.	Investigate meteorological models used in forecasting weather. Investigate the likelihood of a cumulonimbus cloud forming in Central Africa. Draw some conclusions.



	H U M A N F E A T U R E S	Landscapes- rivers	List some safe ways of crossing a river. Give examples of bridges crossing the primary rivers of Europe.	Explain why bridges are situated where they are.	Do you agree? Bridges are sometimes more than just a functional construction.
I N V	D I	International trade: food	What are the most traded foods globally?	Explain why oranges and bananas are imported to the United Kingdom. Graph information about the most traded foods internationally.	Investigate the seafood trade and draw conclusions about some of the reasons why some foods are more traded than others.
E S T I G A	V E R S I T	Europe	How many countries are there in Europe? Locate and label the countries of Europe. Name the main regions of Europe. How many languages are spoken in Europe?	Organise information about common words and phrases used in three different European languages.	Investigate some of the cultural differences in one eastern and one western European country by looking at the types of: languages spoken food eaten.
P A T T	P H Y S	Earthquakes and volcanoes: plate tectonics	What does the term 'plate tectonics' mean? What happens when tectonic plates move? Describe the three ways in which tectonic plates move and what happens as a result.	Categorise the Earth's main tectonic plates in terms of how they are moving. Explain the tectonic process that would lead to an earthquake. Explain the physical process that would result in a mountain range being formed.	Relate your knowledge of plate tectonics to that of mountain ranges around the world. Make generalisations about the relationship between physical processes and physical features.
E R N S	I C A L P R O C E S	Impact of Earthquakes/ volcanoes	What does the word 'magnitude' mean when it is used to describe earthquakes and volcanoes? Describe the scale for measuring the magnitude of earthquakes. Describe the scale for measuring the intensity of volcanoes. What is a tsunami? Describe the impact of the: 2004 Boxing Day tsunami 1906 San Francisco earthquake 79 CE eruption of Vesuvius.	Compare and contrast the impact of a volcanic eruption and an earthquake.	Investigate the consequences of the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 CE.
	S E S	Climate change	Define the word 'weather'. Define the word 'climate'. Describe the physical process of climate change. Describe some of the predicted effects of climate change.	Organise information about the physical processes that are affecting animals.	Investigate geographical areas where climate change is having a noticeable effect. Cite evidence.
		Water cycle	Where does the water cycle take place? Define the word 'atmosphere'. Illustrate and describe the five steps of the water cycle. What does the term 'a continuous cycle' mean?	Compare and contrast the physical process of the water cycle with any other two physical geographical processes you know of.	Relate your knowledge of the water cycle to your knowledge of the formation of rivers.
		Erosion and deposition: coasts	What is a coast? Draw and label the main physical features seen at a coast. Define the words 'erosion' and 'deposition'. Which country has the longest coastline in Europe? What causes erosion at coasts? Describe the physical processes that create: caves, bays, headlands, arches, stacks, cliffs, beaches.	Demonstrate how waves erode coasts. Identify patterns between erosion rates at coasts (in Europe) and weather. Compare and contrast erosion and deposition in coasts and rivers.	Investigate coasts (in Europe) that have arches or stacks. True or false? Arches and stacks do not appear where coasts are formed from clay and soils. Relate your knowledge of types of rocks (from the science curriculum) to your knowledge of coastal features.



	H U M A N	International trade: food	Define the word 'import'. Define the word 'export'. What is the world's most traded beverage?	 Give some reasons why coffee may be the world's most traded beverage. Organise information about the growing and exporting of coffee beans in Colombia. 	Relate the import and export of food across the world with your knowledge of international transportation. Make some generalisations. True or false? Countries export food to make money.
	ROCESSES	Transportation: International	What does the term 'international transportation' mean? Define the word 'destination'. What are the main reasons for international transportation? What is a canal? Locate on a map and label: the Suez Canal the Panama Canal. What is a cargo ship? What is a cargo ship? Uncate on a map and label the world's largest port. List the advantages and disadvantages of: -air travel sea freight passenger ships rail roads.	Explain why the Suez and Panama canals are useful for sea freight. Organise information about some of the world's busiest: airports sea ports.	Compile information about international sea freight from the UK.
		Climate change	Describe the main causes of climate change. Describe the effects on animals and humans of climate change. Describe attempts to manage the effects of climate change.	Compare and contrast human processes before and after the Industrial Revolution and explain how this is thought to have affected the Earth's climate. Collect data on the emissions of carbon dioxide from different types of human processes.	Relate your knowledge of the human processes affecting climate change to your knowledge of travel and trade. Cite evidence.
COMMUNICATE GEOGRAPHICALLY	T E C H N I Q U E S	Describing maps	Locate and label the equator and the tropics. Describe the climate in the tropics. Locate and label the prime meridian. What is the prime meridian? Label the western and eastern hemispheres. What are the names of the lines used to describe any place on Earth? Label these lines on a diagram of the Earth.	Apply your knowledge of map techniques to describe the locations of: Greenwich in the United Kingdom your school the capital cities of the four countries of the United Kingdom five European capital cities.	Relate your knowledge of lines of longitude to time zones by: explaining the concept of time zones investigating the international date line and its relationship to the prime meridian.



Threshold Concept	Knowledge Category	Breadth	Basic Year 5	Advancing Year 6	Deep
I N V E		South America	Describe the geographical location of South America. Locate and mark on a map the location of the countries of South America. Locate and mark on a map South America's landlocked countries. Locate and mark on a map South America's biggest lake. Locate and mark on a map the UK Overseas Territory of the Falkland Islands.	Compare and contrast the geographical locations of Brazil and Finland. Organise information about the geographical location of three South American countries.	Propose a variety of types of maps, at different scales, to show the location of the ancient citadel of Machu Picchu.
S T I G A T	L O C A T I O N	South America: Mountains	Locate and mark on a map the geographical location of South America's major mountain ranges. Which countries does the Andes mountain range pass through? Locate and mark on a map the highest peak in the Andes. Locate and mark on a map the world's highest capital city.	Give a broad overview (apply) of the geographical distribution of mountain ranges in South America. Show how the western coast of South America is part of a wider seismic zone.	Relate your knowledge of biomes in South America to your knowledge of mountainous areas and draw some conclusions. Propose some reasons why the ancient citadel of Machu Picchu is located where it is.
P L A C E S		North America	Describe the geographical location of the continent of North America. At which latitude is the border between the two largest countries of North America?	Compare and contrast the geographical location of North America with that of Europe. Point out important locational details about North America.	Investigate the significance of the Bering Strait between North America and Asia. Investigate why the southern parts of North America are more prone to hurricanes than the northern parts. Relate your answer to climate zones, ocean currents and weather patterns.
		North America: rivers	Locate and label on a map the most significant rivers of North America.	Compare and contrast the geographical locations of the Yukon and Mississippi rivers. Compare and contrast the geographical locations of the Colorado and Danube rivers.	Investigate how goods are traded using North American rivers, using locational examples.
		Biomes and climate zones (Tropical rainforest, marine, desert and ice biomes)	Locate and label on a map the Earth's biomes. Locate and label on a map the Earth's climate zones.	Compare and contrast the geographical locations of the seven climate zones.	Relate your knowledge of the location of biomes to the location of climate zones. Make some generalisations.
	P H Y S I C A	South America: Mountains	Define the term 'seismic activity'. Describe the physical features of areas of tectonic subduction. What is a plateau? Which South American cities can be found on a mountain plateau?	Compare and contrast the physical features of cities in South America that are situated at high altitudes and low altitudes.	Relate your knowledge of mountainous areas to your knowledge of the population in South America. Draw some conclusions.
	L F E A T	North America: Rivers	Describe the significant physical features of each of these rivers. Define the word 'confluence'.	Explain why pollution in a river affects more than one population. Use the Rio Grande as an example. Explain how some physical features of a river give rise to human activity.	Investigate the physical features found along the route of the Colorado River.
	U R E S	Biomes and climate zones (Tropical rainforest, marine, desert and ice biomes)	What is a biome? Name the main biomes. Define the word 'climate'. What is a climate zone? Name the main climate zones. Describe the difference between a terrestrial and aquatic biome.	Organise information about the world's biomes (by using the knowledge webs for each biome provided). Compare and contrast the biomes.	Investigate two areas in two biomes of your choice, selecting relevant information about their physical features.



	H U M		Ocean currents	Describe what is known as the Great Pacific Garbage Patch.	Explain the term 'plastic pollution' and how this relates to ocean currents.	Investigate how knowledge of ocean currents may help search and rescue teams when a boat or person goes missing at sea.
	A N F E A T U R E S		South America: population	What is the approximate population of South America? What does the term 'median age' mean, and what is the median age in South America? Locate and mark on a map the five most populous cities in South America. Define the term 'population density'. Describe some of the problems countries are facing as areas become more densely populated.	Interpret population data for Bogotá and Lima. Classify areas of South America using population data. Compare and contrast the populations of Brazil and Canada.	True or false? Countries in South America are less populated than those in North America. Make generalisations about the population of an area based on your knowledge of physical features.
I N V E S T	D I V E R S I T Y		South America	Define the word 'indigenous'. Define the word 'colony'. Describe some of the geographical diversity in South America, including: climate zones biomes population languages.	Explain the link between colonisation and the diversity of languages spoken in a geographical region.	Relate your knowledge of the indigenous languages that have survived in some areas of South America to your knowledge of the physical features of the continent.
G A T E			South America: population	Define the term 'sparsely populated' and give some examples in South America. Describe the population density in Rio de Janeiro. Describe the religious diversity in South America.	Summarise information about population diversity in Chile. Compare and contrast population information for Santiago and Isla Negra in Chile.	Propose reasons why areas within the Amazon basin are less populated than coastal areas at the mouth of the Amazon River. Propose appropriate types of map, at a variety of scales, to show population distribution within Brazil.
T T E R			North America	Describe, with examples, the diversity that is associated with the climate zones that are found in North America.	Compare and contrast the physical and human diversity of areas of high and low latitude in North America.	Investigate agricultural diversity in Jamaica and the United States of America. Draw some conclusions.
N S			Biomes and climate zones	•Name and describe plants and animals for each biome.	Compare and contrast the species found in different biomes and how they have adapted to/ are suited to their environments	Explain the terms biodiversity, hotspots and endemic species.
	P H Y S I C A L	PROCESSES	Ocean currents	What is an ocean current? What creates an ocean current? Give some examples of gyres. Describe the rotation of gyres in the northern and southern hemispheres. Identify and label on a map the main ocean currents of the world.	Explain how ocean currents affect the world's climate.	Investigate how melting polar ice caps may lead to changes in ocean currents. Investigate the benefits to the United Kingdom's climate of the Atlantic Ocean Gulf Stream.
	H U M A N	PROCESSES	Biomes and climate zones (Ice biome)	Describe how human processes affect biomes.	Point out the human processes that affect each biome.	Relate your knowledge of biomes to your knowledge of human processes. Draw conclusions as to why humans behave as they do in response to the conditions within a biome.



C O M T E C H N I	Using map features	On a map of Europe, locate and label the: title compass rose key lines of longitude and latitude scale. Describe the purpose of each of these features.	Apply your knowledge of map features to your own maps of places you are studying by: describing maps using the features using the features to create your own maps.	Investigate how different scales of maps of the same place give the user differing levels of detail. Draw some conclusions.
CATE GEOGRAPHICALLY	Using maps: four and six figure grid references	What are the horizontal lines on a map called? What are the vertical lines on a map called? What is a grid reference? What is a four-figure grid reference? Which grid reference is used first – the eastings or the northings? Which part of the square does a grid reference refer to? On the four-figure grid reference example map, find: 7333 7134 7234. What is a six-figure grid reference? Why might you use a six-figure grid reference rather than a four-figure grid reference? On the six-figure grid reference example map, find: 722332 729331 725339.	Apply your knowledge of four-figure grid references to find the grid reference for: your school five places in the countryside near to your school the centre of your nearest town or city the centre of five European capitals. Apply your knowledge of six-figure grid references to name and locate at least ten places on urban and rural maps.	Recommend a route of at least 3 miles through a rural area, using six-figure grid references.