

Geography Curriculum Overview

Year group/term	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Year 1	Toys		Knights & Castles		Seaside	
	- Local environment – human & physical features - Directional language. - Using simple maps. - Drawing simple plans.		- Locate & name UK countries and surrounding seas. - Identify and locate UK capital cities. - Seasonal and daily UK weather patterns.	- Draw and read picture maps. - Locate & research UK castles.		<i>Local Area Study Week</i> Fieldwork and geographical skills. <i>Seaside</i> Physical geographical features related to the seaside.
Year 2	All Action Heroes	Fire, Fire!	Roald Dahl	'The BFG'	Australia	Secret Garden
	- Identifying physical and human geographical features. - Continents & oceans. - Using directions to navigate around a map. - Design new map for Traction Man to use.			<i>Visiting London and the UK with the BFG</i> - Landmarks of London. - Using a map to move around landmarks. - Route planning & directions.	- Comparing Australia with the UK. - Weather and climate in Australia. - Environmental issues – effects of bushfires. - Locating the equator & Poles	<i>Local Area Study Week</i> Fieldwork and geographical skills. Visit to Lower Moor Farm – features & fieldwork.
Year 3	Rainforests		Stone Age to Iron Age	'Stig of the Dump'	The Romans	
	- Locating rainforests. - Equator & Topics of Cancer and Capricorn. - Climate in South America	- Life in the rainforest. - Biodiversity. - Effects of deforestation. - Compare rainforest to area of UK.	Examine maps of Europe during and after the ice age to show changes in landscape and movement of people.		- Locating Ancient Rome. - Mapping the Roman Empire. - Roman Britain: towns & Hadrian's Wall (T6 too).	<i>Local Area Study Week</i> Fieldwork and geographical skills. (incl. Roman villa at Ash Brake)
Year 4	Invaders		European Journey	'The Tempest'	Ancient Greece	Animal Kingdom
	<i>Anglo-Saxons</i> - Settlement (& origins) Angles, Jutes, Saxons & Picts - Anglo Saxon kingdoms & place names - Mapping Britain 'then & now' – counties & cities	<i>Vikings</i> Viking invasion routes	<i>Continents, countries & cities</i> - European countries - Comparing localities: London and Paris - Atlas & map work	<i>Shakespeare's England</i> - Tudor/Jacobean buildings - Features of towns - Visit to Stratford upon Avon - Map reading		<i>Local Area Study Week</i> Fieldwork and geographical skills. <i>Climate & environment</i> - Mapping climate zones & biomes - Study of Madagascar [science link]
Year 5	Ancient Egypt		Space	'Macbeth'	Extreme Earth	North America
	- Locate Egypt using digital/computer maps, atlases & globes. - Climate and physical landscape. - Impact of the river Nile on civilization.		- Significance of the Arctic and Antarctic circles. - Time zones.	<i>Shakespeare's England</i> - Locating Macbeth – use OS maps to locate settings from the play (Scotland). - Draw sketch maps.	- Volcanoes & earthquakes. - Rivers & mountains. - The water cycle.	<i>Local Area Study Week</i> Fieldwork and geographical skills. <i>North America</i> Locate North America & USA & key physical geographical features.
Year 6	WWII		Our Changing World	'Pig-heart Boy'	Stage and Screen	
	- Locating wartime countries and locations - Mapwork - Pearl Harbour	- Wartime census [Link to Goodnight Mr Tom] - The movement of allied forces.	- Changing landscapes - Changing borders - Fair trade & resource distribution - Sustainability - Climate change	Map reading and sketching	<i>Early 20th century</i> - Locating the USA – states and cities - Comparison of ports of Southampton and New York City [Titanic link]	<i>Local Area Study Week</i> Fieldwork and geographical skills.