St John's Church of England Primary School – Skills Progression - GEOGRAPHY Nurturing Potential within a Christian Ethos



GEOGRAPHY IN THE EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE

Understanding the World

Draw information from a simple map.

Recognise some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries.

Explore the natural world around them.

Recognise some environments that are different to the one in which they live.

Early Learning Goals:

People, Culture and Communities

Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from observations, discussions, stories, non-fiction texts and maps.

Explain some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments, drawing on their experiences and what has been read to them 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.

The Natural World

Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants.

Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments. Drawing on their experiences and what has been read to them in class.

Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter.

ENQUIRY, LOCATION & PLACE								
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6			
Retrieve information from	Select information from	Ask and respond to	Identify the countries of	Ask and respond to	Identify the countries of			
resources to respond to	resources to identify	questions about places.	the UK, identify some	questions about places.	the world, identify cities			
questions about places.	questions and to respond		cities and geographical		and geographical features			
	to questions about	Locate some countries in	regions.	Locate some countries in				
Name and locate the four	places.	the world, including		the world, including				
countries which make up		capital cities.		capital cities and the				
the UK.								

	Name and locate the worlds continents and oceans.			continent to which they belong					
MAP SKILLS									
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6				
Use simple compass	Use simple compass	Identify on a globe:	Identify features of a	Use maps and atlases to	Use OS maps to interpret				
directions and locational	directions and locational	 The position and 	place using aerial	locate countries and	a place looking at contour				
language N, S, E & W	language N, S, E & W –	significance of the	photographs	identify key physical/	lines and symbols				
	plus NE, SE, SW and NW	equator Northern and		human features					
Use aerial photographs		Southern	Make and use more		Use a compass, and maps				
and plans to recognise		hemispheres	detailed (OS) maps that	Use a compass, and maps	with a six figure grid				
places and landmarks.	Make a simple map using	 Tropics of Cancer and 	use symbols and a key	with a four-figure grid	references				
	a key with basic symbols.	Capricorn		references.					
Read simple maps		The Arctic and	Use simple maps with co-		Compare aerial				
		Antarctic circles.	ordinate grids to find		photographs to large				
			features		scale maps				
	FIELDWORK SKILLS								
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3 4	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6				
Survey e.g. record the use	Survey e.g. record the use	Recording information	Identify questions and	Identify questions and	Record information using				
of buildings on a road,	of buildings on a road,	through observation,	selects appropriate ways	selects appropriate ways	a range of methods and				
traffic or litter survey	traffic or litter survey and	more detailed sketches,	to gather information and	to gather information and	interpret results to look				
Sketches – drawing	create simple bar graphs	questionnaires and	data though detailed	data though detailed	for patterns				
simple features they		surveys to collect	sketches, observation,	sketches, observation,					
observe and adding labels	Draw a conclusion from	information and	questionnaires, surveys,	questionnaires, surveys,	Draw conclusions from				
	the data collected.	investigate a place	measuring data	measuring data	data collected using				
Observation of a location-					geographical vocabulary				
discussing likes and		Measure and record data	Record information using						
		e.g. weather	a range of methods and						

dislikes. Questionnaire e.g. What do you like best about our playground /		in different parts of the school	interpret results to look for patterns				
village etc? PHYSICAL AND HUMAN GEOGRAPHY							
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6		
Recognise, describe, and observe the human and physical features of a place and making simple comparisons.	Express their views on attractive and unattractive features of the environment of a locality. Recognise, describe and observe the human and physical features of a place and making simple comparisons.	Offer explanations for the location of human and physical features in different localities. Describe how people can both improve and damage the environment	Describe how people can both improve and damage the environment and the effect it has on an area e.g., impact on wildlife Ask and respond to questions about the environment, making comparisons.	Describe how a range of physical and human processes change the environment. Observe and explain some of the ways that human activities affect the environment.	Offer explanations for the ways in which human activities affect the environment and recognise that people attempt to manage improve environments.		

GREATER DEPTH IN GEOGRAPHY

At Johns' a Greater Depth Geographer will display the following attributes and key skills:

1) Levels of independence:

Children should show initiative when answering pertinent geographical questions without adult support. If research/ map reading causes further questions or lines of enquiry children will independently have a go at answering them and take ownership of their thoughts and learning.

2) Confidence:

Children should be more than willing to use a range of resources E.G globe/atlas/ reading material to answer geographical questions in order to broaden their knowledge and deepen their understanding. They will not deter easily and shall only draw on teacher support as a last resort or to confirm their independent research.

3) Explanation:

Children must be able to correctly use a wide range of key vocabulary and geographical terms when conversing. This will enable the children to make in depth comparisons regarding human and physical geography and be as accurate as possible when discussing the location of continents, countries and oceans.

4) Communicate:

Children must be able to confidently share their geographical learning in a way that is coherent and clear. A wide range of mediums will be demonstrated over the course of the year and children should choose how they wish to present their information in order to achieve this: such as writing, drawing, symbols and keys. The children should offer insight, reasoning and justifications for the opinions or conclusions they form as a result of their perceptions and learning.

5) Revisit:

Children will not only show a secure understanding and obtain fluent knowledge of the UK and wider world but will also readily and actively draw on previous learning to form deeper connections, justifications and reasoning as well as to enhance their own understanding.