

Geography Curriculum

Suggested activities for each unit in blue, page numbers refer to the CQ Geography Companion (available on Sharepoint). The Companion document should be used for medium and short term planning.

	Autumn	Spring	Summer		
EYFS	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.	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.	ELG Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, non-fiction texts and maps. 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. ELG 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. Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons.		
	 Understanding the World: ELG: People, Culture and Communities Children at the expected level of development will: - 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. 				
Year 1	Mapping the World (pg 34-37)	The United Kingdom (pg 38-47) including a study and comparison of	Continents and oceans (pg 58-59 B, pg 72-83), including an introduction		
	Threshold Concepts	the four countries	to all continents and oceans and an		
	Investigate places Ask and answer geographical questions (such as: What is this place like? What or who will I see in this	Threshold Concepts Investigate places	in depth study of class animal's continent (or Australasia)		
	place? What do people do in this place?). Identify the key features of a location in order to say whether it is a city, town, village, coastal or rural area. Use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the United Kingdom and its countries, as well as the countries, continents and oceans studied.	Ask and answer geographical questions (such as: What is this place like? What or who will I see in this place? What do people do in this place?). Identify the key features of a location in order to say whether it is a city, town, village, coastal or rural area.	Threshold Concepts Investigate places Ask and answer geographical questions (such as: What is this place like? What or who will I see in this place? What do people do in this place?).		



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Use aerial images and plan perspectives to recognise landmarks and basic physical features.

Investigate patterns

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Identify land use around the school.

Communicate geographically

Use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to:

- **key physical features**, including: beach, coast, forest, hill, mountain, ocean, river, soil, valley, vegetation and weather.
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- Use compass directions (north, south, east and west) and locational language (e.g. near and far) to describe the location of features and routes on a map.

Possible activities:

- What is the Earth and how is it represented?
- Identify N Pole, S Pole, hemispheres and Equator.
- Points of the compass N, S, E, W.
- Compare globe, map, atlas and satellite images (Grantham as focus, 2 sessions)
- Grantham landmarks

Vocabulary: Earth, maps, atlases, satellite, satellite image, compass/compass rose, North, South, East, West, globe Use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the United Kingdom and its countries, as well as the countries, continents and oceans studied.
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Possible activities:

- What is the UK? How does it differ from GB?
- Identify the four countries of the UK and locate on a map. Flags of the UK. Seas around the UK.
- England, N. Ireland, Scotland, Wales incl. capital and major cities, borders, urban vs rural, landmarks
- Compare and contrast countries of UK

Vocabulary: united, union, monarchy, democratic, government, archipelago, population, emblem,

Identify the key features of a location in order to say whether it is a city, town, village, coastal or rural area.

Use aerial images and plan perspectives to recognise landmarks and basic physical features. Name and locate the world's continents and Oceans.

Investigate patterns

Understand geographical similarities and differences through studying the human and physical geography of a small area of the United Kingdom and of a contrasting non-European country.

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Possible activities:

- Overview of Commonwealth of Australia (key facts), location and surrounding oceans.
- Human features 6 states each have their own capital, location of these (on coast – explore why), landmarks
- Physical features including landmarks, Great Barrier Reef, Uluru, Daintree Forest
- Native population Aboriginal people



		peak, rural, remote, inhabitants, tourism, Gaelic, causeway	Vocabulary: continent, ocean, species, enclosed, seas, submerged, Commonwealth, democratic, urban, surrounded, lone
Year 2	Cities of the United Kingdom (pg 48-57), including study and comparison	Climate and weather (pg 66-71)	Continents and oceans (pg 58-59 A and D, pg 60-66), this unit will build on
	of London, Newcastle upon Tyne (or	Threshold Concepts	the work done in year 1, with a more
	another English city), Edinburgh,	Investigate places	in depth study of the continents and
	Cardiff and Belfast.	Ask and answer geographical questions (such as: What is this place like? What or who will I see in this place? What do people do in this place?).	oceans.
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	recognise landmarks and basic physical features.	• key physical features, including: beach, coast, forest, hill, mountain, ocean, river, soil, valley,	recognise landmarks and basic physical features.
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- Devise a simple map; and use and construct basic symbols in a key. Use simple grid references (A1, B1).

Possible activities:

Explore the following for each city, including comparing these for the cities.

- Location and key facts
- Physical features including rivers, topography, physical landmarks.
- Human features including landmarks, key historical landmarks.
- Population size, diversity

Vocabulary: capital city, government, business, cultural, population, remnants, significant, ethnic backgrounds, millennium, extinct, industry, tourism, regeneration maiden voyage, iceberg

- Recognise weather as a physical process including exploration of seasonal weather patterns.
- The use of weather symbols What is forecasting?
- Extreme weather across the world.
- Climates around the world explore patterns (hotter at Equator, colder at the Poles, deserts over 1/3 of the world's surface etc)
- Explore the physical features of climate zones (Equatorial (tropical), Polar and desert)

Vocabulary: temperature, climate, weather, polar, equatorial, tropical, extremely, vast, thrive, frequent, represented, symbols, physical process, atmosphere, technique,

Weather words: heatwave, drought, flood, blizzard, monsoon, gale/storm, hurricane, tornado

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Possible activities:

- The Earth: physical features spherical, make up (core, mantle and crust), definition of land and what is under the sea.
- Continents relative sizes, locations relative to each other, hemispheres, equator, poles.
- Continents usually have many countries.
- Oceans, location including surrounding continents/countries, order by size.
- diversity of wildlife
- human processes and the effect on ocean life

Vocabulary: continent, ocean, saline, species, enclosed, seas, magma submerged, ports, natural resources, climate change, equator, tourist destination, marine species, inhabitants, atolls,



Year 3

Describing maps of the world (pg 88-

91) (recap and continuation of previous work)

Europe (pg 92-95, 98-99) including populations and mountains (lots of cross-over with describing maps)

Threshold Concepts Investigate places

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Landscapes (pg 100-105)

(weathering, mountains and rivers)

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Climate change (pg 134-135) and the Water Cycle (130-133)

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Year 4	Erosion and deposition (pg 106-111) (rivers, coasts and the management of)	Transportation (112-117) (cities, natural resources and tourism) and International Trade (118-123) (cities, national and international)	Earthquakes and volcanoes (124-129) (plate tectonics, the Pacific Ring of Fire, impact)
	Vocabulary: Tropic of Cancer, Tropic of Capricorn, equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, Prime meridian, Western Hemisphere, Eastern Hemisphere, landmass, population, citystate, enclave, inhabitants, mountain ranges, peak, boundary, extends, summit		Vocabulary: climate, weather, adapt, carbon dioxide, methane, excretion, deforestation, evaporation, condensation, run-off, percolation, precipitation, cumulonimbus, stratus, cumulus, cirrus
	Describe key aspects of: physical geography, including: rivers, mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes and the water cycle. human geography, including: settlements and land use. Use the eight points of a compass, four-figure grid references, symbols and key to communicate knowledge of the United Kingdom and the wider world. Possible activities: Recap the globe (poles, equator, n and s hemispheres) and teach Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn. Identify the Prime Meridian and lines of latitude and longitude – why do we have them? Use the techniques taught above to explore the location of countries and cities in Europe. Europe – location, borders, countries (overview) Explore populations Explore mountains	human geography, including: settlements and land use. Use the eight points of a compass, four-figure grid references, symbols and key to communicate knowledge of the United Kingdom and the wider world. Possible activities: What is a landscape? Compare a landscape now and 100 years ago. Has it changed? How? (Photos and maps) Weathering – what is weathering? What causes weathering? Define the 2 types of weathering. Rivers – name the features of rivers, follow the path of a river on a map, label the parts of a river. Vocabulary: constantly, contributing, pollution, landforms, watercourse, tributaries, source, mouth, channel, river bed, reaches, meanders, deltas, estuary, landforms, summits, plate tectonics	Use the eight points of a compass, four-figure grid references, symbols and key to communicate knowledge of the United Kingdom and the wider world. Possible activities: The water cycle – where does it take place? Illustrate and describe the 5 steps. What is a 'continuous cycle'? Explore clouds – what are they? How are they formed? What is precipitation? Draw and describe clouds. How can meteorologists use clouds to predict the weather? Climate change – recap weather vs climate. What is climate change? What are the main causes of climate change? What are the effects of climate change on animals and humans? How can human manage and limit climate change?



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Possible activities:

- What are erosion, transportation and deposition?
- What are the three stages of a river (youthful, middle-aged, mature)?
 Describe and identify these including meanders and ox-bow lakes.
- What is a coast? Draw and label the main physical features of a coast. How are these formed? (e.g. stacks and arches)
- What causes erosion at a coast? What can we do to slow this down? sea walls, groynes, rock armour (incl. advantages and disadvantages)

Vocabulary: erosion, transportation, deposition, youthful, middle-aged, mature, meanders, ox-bow lakes, delta, tourist destinations, natural physical processes, artificial structures, advantages, disadvantages, prevent, promenade, boulders, maintain

Using maps (pg 140-145) (features,

four and six figure grid references) Threshold Concepts

Investigate places

Year 5

Collect and analyse statistics and other information in order to draw clear conclusions about locations. Identify and describe how the physical features affect the human activity within a location.

Possible activities:

- Define transport (transportation) –
 What is it? Why do people need it?
 What form does it take in
 cities/towns/rural areas? Compare
 these and suggest why differences
 occur.
- Explore the advantages and disadvantages of different modes of transport within cities. How are people trying to reduce congestion? Why?
- Why do people travel around the UK?
 Discuss why and how. Look at maps to identify travel routes and types.
- Why do we need international travel routes? Explore and discuss reasons and implications. Explore international trade.

Vocabulary: congestion, pollution, vulnerable, networks, frequently, bridleway, conflict, international, destination, cargo, import/ed/ing, export/ed/ing, resources, international, cultural, tourism, intangibility

Ocean currents (pg 146-147)

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Possible activities:

- Introduce tectonic plates What are they? Where are they?
- Recap structure of the Earth. Look at the main plate boundaries. How do the fault lines move? What is the effect of the movement? (Earthquakes, volcanoes, mountain ranges etc)
- What is the Pacific Ring of Fire? Identify and show it on a map. Describe its location in terms hemispheres, equator, longitude and latitude lines.
- Explore how the Pacific Ring of Fire was formed.
- Volcanoes- Locate areas of high volcanic activity. Explore the impact of natural disasters caused by earthquakes and volcanoes – 2004 earthquake which led to 30m tsunami / 1906 San Francisco earthquake etc.

Vocabulary: earthquakes, volcanoes, erupt, volcano, dormant, collision, magnitude, meteoric, intensity, tsunami

South America (pg 172-179) –
 (population, rivers, mountains.
 Also including the importance of trade and the impact it has on the environment, both locally and globally)

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Describe how countries and geographical regions are interconnected and interdependent.

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(pg 148-159) (including population, mountains)	Vocabulary longitude, reference, references Year 6 The 7 Bio	omes and their climate zones	North America (pg 161-171) (including population, mountains)	 Investigate the main rivers of S America. What is a river basin? What are its features? Vocabulary: landmass, sparsely, landlocked, Indigenous, colony, river basin, tributary, discharging World Tourism
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Possible activities:

- What is a biome? identify biomes across the world.
- Compare two biomes.
- Look at animals that live in different biomes, and think about why they would be suitable for that environment.
- What is a climate zone? Identify them across the world using maps, graphs, information, etc.
- What is climate change? Why is it occurring?
- What can be done to prevent climate change?

Vocabulary: biome, categorise, inhabit, terrestrial, aquatic, climate, temperate, deciduous, shrubs, timber, emissions, permafrost, ecosystems, hibernate, migrate, clusters, expanses, precipitation, fertile, ecosystem, arid, evaporates, inhabited/uninhabited, sporadic, desertification, abundant

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Possible activities:

- N America geographical location, including latitude, longitude references, its location relative to Europe etc.
- Climate zones of N America comparing the climate zones (making reference to high and low latitude)
- Population how has the population changed over time (particularly 1500s – 1600s)? Key events that changed the diversity of the N American population.
- Patterns of N American population density. Why are some areas densely populated and others not? Create maps to show areas of high and low density populations.
- Mountains identify main mountains (refer to tectonic plate boundaries as taught in yr4). Introduce topographical maps. Compare to political maps.
- Identify the main mountain ranges of N America. Compare and contrast the

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- Define tourism and international tourism
- Investigate the environmental impact of world tourism (carbon footprint, new resorts, erosion of physical features, destruction of habitats).
- Investigate the economic impact of tourism (businesses, seasonal income, jobs etc).
- Debate the pros and cons of a new resort being built on a tropical island – environmental and economic factors.

Vocabulary: locate, environment, characteristic, human features, physical features, seasonal, time zone, topographical, land use, climate, economic, tourism



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	Vocabulary: latitude, lowlands, agricultural, predominant, colonised, populous, metropolitan, indigenous, irrigation, confluence, pesticides, topographic, subduction, seismic	

Please note the additional vocabulary on pages 181 – 187 of the Geography Companion.