



Geography

Year 5 - Knowledge Progression

Substantive Knowledge

Location Knowledge

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The Local Area	Name, locate & describe a local river and understand how it has changed over time					
The United Kingdom	Locate and describe human and physical features of the UK (e.g. coasts, rivers, mountain ranges, counties and cities)					
The World	Name, locate and understand the significance of the Equator, Northern/ Southern Hemisphere, Tropic of Cancer/ Capricorn, latitude and longitude, Antarctic/ Arctic Circle and different climate zones.					
	Name, locate and describe some of the world's major rivers.					
	Name, locate and describe some of the world's major mountains.					

Place Knowledge

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omparisons		Study, understand, write about, draw and label similarities and differences between the River Rea and the River Nile, and their corresponding regions.					
O		Understand the difference in mountains in the UK and the highest peaks in the world.					

Physical Geography

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Weather and Climate		Understand the basic process of global warming, its causes, implications and changes required. Identify and study the different climatic regions of UK and Europe.					
Physical Features and Processes		Describe and explain the water cycle.					
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Describe and understand key aspects of mountain formation.				
Identify and describe mountain features of the UK.				_

Human Geography

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Settlements and Land Use	Describe and explain how some UK settlements have developed and changed over time, and why certain locations are more favourable than others. (Link with Rivers)					
	Understand the effect of climate on land use and settlements in different areas of the world.					
Economics, Trade and Resources	Understand the importance of rivers on global trade and economies.					

Geography Skills and Fieldwork

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Primary Sources	Use fieldwork to observe, measure, record, present and explain information about the changing locality using a range of graphs and written media, including interviews with locals, population data, use of land in the school locality. River Study					
Secondary Sources and Mapwork	Use a range of paper and digital maps by following keys and symbols (including political maps) to locate and describe studied human and physical features, including major rivers and their corresponding countries and cities, major industries, imports and exports. Begin to use six figure grid references					

Create detailed maps and label physical features.				
Use aerial images and graphs to acquire and begin to evaluate geographical information.				

Disciplinary Knowledge

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Asking and answering questions	To begin to/with support: Ask and investigate geographical questions, suggesting enquiries to test them.					
Analysing and communicating Asking answers						
	Labels: Label the names of mountain ranges, individual peaks, and volcanic mountains. Contour Lines: Use contour lines to represent elevation, with labels indicating height above sea level. Legend: Provide a legend explaining the symbols and contour intervals.					
	Climate Change					
	Maps Climate Zones: Show global climate zones (tropical, temperate, polar) and their boundaries. Temperature and Precipitation: Use colour gradients to indicate average temperature ranges and precipitation levels. Affected Areas: Highlight regions most affected by climate change, such as areas prone to rising sea levels, increased desertification, or glacial melting.					

Human Impact: Indicate major urban areas, industrial regions, and				
deforested areas contributing to climate change.				
Keys and Labels				
Symbols: Use symbols for climate zones, temperature ranges, and areas of				
significant impact (e.g., shrinking ice caps, deforestation zones).				
Labels: Clearly label climate zones, key temperature and precipitation data,				
and affected regions.				
Colour Coding: Use a color-coded legend to explain temperature and				
precipitation gradients. Annotations: Include annotations or notes on the map to explain				
significant impacts and human activities contributing to climate change.				
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Choose an appropriate method to communicate				
information and give reasons for this:				
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Express their own views about the people, places and				
environments studied, giving reasons. Compare their				
views with others and understand that some geographical				
knowledge is open to debate, challenge and discussion.				
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Rivers: The equitable distribution of water resources between urban, agricultural,				
and ecological needs.				
Mountains:				
Discussions on how the melting of glaciers in the Himalayas affects water				
supply for millions of people in South Asia.				
Climate Change:				
Debates on policies for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, such as carbon taxes or cap-and-trade systems.				
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To begin to/with support:				
Reach geographical conclusions, give reasons and critically				
evaluate and debate the impact of geographical processes				
and human effects on the world, from given evidence.				
Geographical Processes:				
Water Cycle: Explain the stages of the water cycle (exponentian				
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ecosystems.				
Erosion: The process by which natural forces such as water, wind, ice, and				
gravity wear away rocks and soil. Rivers erode banks, glaciers carve valleys,				
and wind erodes desert landscapes.				
Deposition : The process by which eroded material is transported and deposited in new locations, forming features like deltas, sand dunes, and				
alluvial fans.				
Plate Tectonics: The movement of the Earth's lithospheric plates causes				
geological activity such as earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, and the				
formation of mountain ranges. This process explains the distribution of				
continents and oceans and the creation of various landforms.				
Human Effects:				
Human Contributions: Discuss human activities contributing to global				
warming (burning fossil fuels, deforestation) and how it affects the water				
cycle.				
Impact on the world: evaluate impact on cities near fault-lines (e.g. San				
Francisco), erosion on the banks of the River Rea, the formation of deltas due to deposition (e.g. the River Nile).				