



Knowledge Building

Processes and Changes

Change happens as a result of different geographical processes. These processes can be split into two distinct groups: - human and physical. Human processes involve human activity, whereas physical processes are naturally occurring. An example of a human process would be urbanisation; an example of a physical process would be flooding. The impact of a human process can be a catalyst for a natural process e.g. deforestation has resulted in the physical process known as climate change. Both human and physical processes lead to change and children should be able to recognise and understand this, giving examples.

Human Geography

Human geography relates to man-made features and human activity. Human geography includes characteristics like houses, roads and bridges; in other words, things that have been built by people. Children should learn about, identify and explain patterns in human geography e.g. houses are often built along a road (linear settlement).

Physical Geography

Physical geography also relates to features. Physical geography includes natural characteristics like mountains, rivers and trees; in other words, anything that is naturally occurring. Children should learn about how physical geography influences and impacts on the lives of people.

Geographical Vocabulary

Geographical vocabulary can be placed into several categories, such as: - language related to place, space and location e.g. Equator, hill; language related to movement and change e.g. migration, flooding; language related to interdependence e.g. trade.

Location and Environments

Location is integral to the framework of geography because it helps us to know and express where things are. Within location we include space and place, which connects with physical and human geography in terms of the characteristics that make places identifiable, and how one place is different from another. Environment can be defined as surroundings, which includes all the living and non-living elements and their effects, that influence human life in any given place.

Similarities and Differences

Comparison is a tool used by geographers to analyse locations, features and environments in order to discover things of geographical importance or interest e.g. common causes, geographical patterns. By looking for similarities and differences, children are then able to identify, analyse and evaluate findings, giving reasons for their conclusions.

EXPLORERS

Knowledge Building					
Processes and Changes	Human Geography	Physical Geography	Geographical Vocabulary	Location and Environments	Similarities and Differences

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Identify simple changes in their environment, giving reasons for these, where possible Know that human geographical features are man-made

Know that physical geographica features are natural

Know and understand simple prepositional and directional language

Know the names of places in their immediate locality and say what those places are like

Name some similarities and differences between places that are familiar to them

Learning Progression

In F1, children will be covering the following Understanding of the world and mathematics objectives, which will provide them with a curiosity and understanding of their own and other environments, ready to be explored in more depth and built upon in F2:

3 - 4 years

- Understand position through words alone. For example, "The bag is under the table," with no pointing.
- Describe a familiar route.
- Discuss routes and locations, using words like 'in front of' and 'behind'.
- Use all their senses in hands-on exploration of natural materials.
- Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things.
- Know that there are different countries in the world and talk about the differences they have experienced or seen in photos.

Reception tives are visited and recapped thro

Understanding of the World objectives are visited and recapped throughout the year across the whole curriculum. An emphasis is placed on the immediate environment, ready to branch out further to the local area and beyond in KS1. By the end of F2, children will have been taught the following objectives ensuring readiness for the demands of the KS1 Geography curriculum:

- To draw and follow simple maps (Outside area, classroom, library).
- To look at aerial photographs of the outside area and recognise features.
- To explore the natural world around us (including immediate environment, local area and beach).
- To begin to recognise seasonal changes.
- To begin to recognise some human and physical features of the immediate environment and local area, including the beach.
- To recognise similarities and differences between contrasting environments and life in this
 country and another (using texts Storm Whale and Coming to England).
- To use simple fieldwork to study our immediate environment, local area and beach.

These will be covered across the following topics:

Autumn1 - All about me, Autumn

Autumn 2 – Celebrations, Day and Night

Spring 1 – Winter, People Who help us, Friendships, Chinese New Year

Spring 2 – Growing, Life cycles, Minibeasts, Easter

Summer 1 - Contrasting locations and environments, Similarities and differences, Seaside,

Summer

Summer 2 – Dinosaurs, Transition





PATHFINDERS – KS1

		Knowledg	je Building		
Processes and Changes	Human Geography	Physical Geography	Geographical Vocabulary	Location and Environments	Similarities and Differences
Know that places change over time	Know some basic human	Know some basic physical	Know and understand simple	Name and locate some key places	Identify basic similarities and
and that there is often a range of evidence to show this	geographical features in the focus area and describe them	geographical features in the focus area and describe them	vocabulary related to place	in their own country and countries in the wider world	differences between a range of locations
		Skills Pro	gression		
Geog	graphy Skills Pathfinders 1	/ Y1	Geog	graphy Skills Pathfinders 2	? / Y2
Ge1 Explore and discover the interest Ge2 Explore and discover where diffe Ge3 Recognise and observe main hum Ge4 Recognise different types of wec Ge6 Communicate in different ways u Ge8 Use globes, maps and plans Ge9 Make simple plans and maps	erent foods come from nan and physical features	d vocabulary	Ge11 Investigate, measure and recor Ge12 Recognise, observe, describe a Ge13 Identify links between their locd Ge14 Discuss how weather affects ou Ge15 Locate key features on globes, Ge16 Make simple comparisons betwithere Ge17 Use simple compass directions Ge18 Communicate in different ways language	nd record physical and human features ality and other places in the UK and beyon r lives	how these features influence life lary e.g. locational and directional





Knowledge	Progression
Pathfinders 1 / Year 1	Pathfinders 2 / Year 2
Never Eat Shredded Wheat	Paddington's Passport
NC Objectives and Key Concepts	NC Objectives and Key Concepts
 A. To know and use simple compass directions (North, South, East and West) and directional language (e.g. near/far, left/right. B. To name and locate the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom. C. To name and locate the world's seven continents. D. To know, understand and apply basic geographical vocabulary to refer to key physical features, including valley and coast (NC). E. To know, understand and apply basic geographical vocabulary to refer to key human features, including city, town, village, factory, farm (NC) F. To know how to recognise landmarks and basic physical features from aerial photos. Construct simple maps (no key). Field work opportunity – investigation of the school outdoor environment including compass directions, simple sketch maps, photographs. 	 A. To understand geographical similarities and differences through studying the human and physical geography of London and Peru B. To locate London and Peru on a maps and globes. To know continents they are in and capital city of Peru. C. To name, locate and identify the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas, plus some famous landmarks/characteristics.
Come Fly With Me! Arctic Circle NC objectives and Key Concepts	Local study - Birkenhead NC objectives and Key Concepts
 A. To know what the Arctic Circle is and be able to locate the Arctic Circle on a map in relation. B. To understand about the weather and climate in the Arctic Circle and why it is so cold in relation to the equator. C. To look at the key physical and human features and how these are effected by the weather. D. To learn about the Inuit people and their traditions and customs including: food, clothing, shelter. 	 A. To name and locate the world's continents and oceans (NC) B. To name and identify key human and physical features of Birkenhead park. Compare and contrast these to the features of Central Park in New York. C. To know and use simple 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. E. To use maps and aerial photos to identify key features and basic symbols. F. Devise simple maps using basic symbols and key. Fieldwork opportunity – Visit to Birkenhead Park – use mapping skills to locate human/physical features

Knowledge Progression				
Pathfinders 1 / Year 1	Pathfinders 2 / Year 2			
Unity in the Community	Four Seasons Project			
	Pupils will, across the four seasons, investigate and identify seasonal weather patterns in the United Kingdom.			



- A. To learn about the geography of the school and the key human and physical features of its grounds and immediately surrounding environment.
- Use aerial photographs and plan perspectives to recognise landmarks and basic physical features of the local
- C. To know the key human features of the local area, including appropriate vocabulary such as city, town, village, factory, farm, house, office and shop (NC)
- D. To know the key physical features of the local area, including appropriate vocabulary such as beach, coast, forest, hill, mountain, ocean, river, soil, valley, vegetation (NC)
- To know how to locate the school on a map
- F. To learn about how places have become the way they are and how they are changing

Fieldwork opportunity – explore land use in the local area and how this has changed over time.

NC objectives and Key Concepts

- A. Identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom
- B. To name the seasons and know the weather changes in those seasons
- C. To know there are twelve months in the year and be able to name them
- Identify the location of hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South Poles.

To know that the hottest countries in the world are nearest to the Equator

To know that the top and bottom of the Earth are called poles and to be able to find the North Pole and the South Pole on a globe

To know that the coldest countries in the world are nearest to the North Pole or the South Pole

	Key Vocabulary						
	Pathfin	ders 1 / Year 1			Pathfin	ders 2 / Year 2	
	Never Ed	at Shredded Wheat			Paddi	ngton's Passport	
aerial view	continent	north	flag	aerial view	Indian Ocean	Wales	
Africa	country	North America		Africa	Lima	Europe	
Antarctica	Edinburgh	Northern Ireland		amazon	London	globe	
Arctic Ocean	England	Pacific Ocean		Antarctica	map		
Asia	Europe	physical features		Arctic Ocean	North America		
Atlantic Ocean	globe	Scotland		Asia	Northern Ireland		
Australasia	human features	south		Atlantic Ocean	ocean		
beach	itinerary	South America		Australasia	Pacific Ocean		
Belfast	Indian Ocean	Southern Ocean		Belfast	Peru		
capital city	landmark	United Kingdom		capital city	rainforest		

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Cardiff	locality	valley		Cardiff	route	A S
climate	location	vegetation		climate	Scotland	•
coast	London	village		continent	South America	
compass	map	Wales		country	Southern Ocean	
direction	mountain	West		Edinburgh	survival	
east	nationality	national anthem		England	United Kingdom	

	Key Vocabulary					
	Pathfin	ders 1 / Year 1	Pathfinders 2 / Year 2			
	Come Fly \	With Me! Arctic Circle	Birkenhead			
Alaska	Greenland	North Pole	Peninsular			
Arctic Circle	igloo	Northern Lights				
Aurora Borealis	Inuit	permafrost	landscape			
Canada	latitudinal lines	polar				
climate	locality	Scandinavia	locate			
Finland	midnight sun	Siberia				
globe	north	tundra	Dock			
			aerial			
			Position			

Key Vocabulary								
Pathfinders 1 / Year 1				Pathfinders 2 / Year 2				
	Unity in the Community				Fo	ur Seasons Project		0
aerial view	countryside	landscape	physical features	Autmn	Spring	Summer	Winter	0

beach bird's eye view	factory farm	local locality	shops	Seasons	Equator	Climate	Dimensions
boundary	forest	map	town				
city	google earth	mountain	valley				
coast	hill	offices	vegetation				
country	human features	perspective	village				
	landmark						

ADVENTURERS – LKS2

		Knowledg	ge Building		
Processes and Changes	Processes and Changes Human Geography Physical Geography		Geographical Vocabulary	Location and Environments	Similarities and Differences
Know that both primary and secondary sources of evidence show process and change	Know, compare and describe some human geographical features in the wider world	Know, compare and describe some physical geographical features in the wider world	Know and understand key vocabulary related to geographical processes	Know and understand the interrelationship between location and environment	Understand how and why some places and features are similar or different, giving reasons
		Skills Pro	ogression eggestion		
Geog	raphy Skills Adventurers	/ Y3	Geog	raphy Skills Adventurers	2 / Y4
Ge27 Identify similarities and difference Ge28 Identify how the ways in which penvironment Ge29 Use appropriate geographica Ge30 Collect and analyse a range of tables and pictograms/simple bar cha	nd begin to offer explanations nan and physical geography climate zones tes are located in the UK, Europe and the test are located in the UK, Europe and the test between places and environments a people live sometimes have consequence all vocabulary to communicate their find data from simple fieldwork experiences arts. plans at a range of scales and draw simples in the test area to the test and the test area.	nd understand how they are linked s for the ings . Present their findings using simple	Ge34 Explore places with different cl Ge35 Identify where significant place Ge36 Observe and appreciate the re Ge37 Identify how different ways in wentered and the lives of others fro Ge38 Use appropriate geographical Ge39 Employ a wider range of field we ge40 Describe, compare and offer re Ge41 Interpret information from differented	vocabulary in communicating findings work techniques to collect and analyse a	how climate affects living things the wider world and economic and social environments times have consequences for the





Knowledge Progression						
Adventurers 1 / Year 3	Adventurers 2 / Year 4					
Out and About NC Objectives and Key Concepts	Window on the World NC Objectives and Key Concepts					
 A. To name and locate counties and cities of the United Kingdom - identifying human and physical characteristics, key topographical features (including hills, mountains, coasts, rivers), and understand how some of these aspects have changed over time. B. To know and use the eight points of a compass. C. To look at and draw map of Leasowe including simple symbols and key (including the use of Ordnance Survey maps) to build their knowledge of the United Kingdom and the wider world (lighthouse, church, hospital, beach, river, view point, car park) To use fieldwork to observe, measure and record human and physical features in the local area using graphs e.g. favourite facility in the area. 	 A. To know the key features of a village, town and city. B. To recognise human/physical features that attract settlers to an area and how these have changed over time. C. Design and draw a sketch map of an ideal town – use symbols of key features that make it a good settlement. D. To know some of the food import/exports from UK and other European countries. E. To understand the importance of the Suez canal to economic activity and trade. (If time allows) To locate and study an environmental problem faced by different continents, concentrating on their location, environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, and countries. 					
Europe NC Objectives and Key Concepts	Rivers NC objectives and Key Concepts					
 A. To know some of the countries that make up Europe. B. To locate Europe and its surrounding seas on a map. C. To know the capital cities of Germany and Italy and locate. D. To know some key human and physical features of Italy and Germany. 	 A. To understand the water cycle. B. To explain the journey of a river and be able to identify the different parts of a river. C. To understand the importance of rivers and how this has changed over time. D. To know and locate some of the worlds longest rivers. 					





Fieldwork opportunity – Investigation of local river to investigate river use and water speed including sketch maps, tables and graphs.

Under the Canopy

NC Objectives and Key Concepts

- A. Locate the world's rainforests
- B. Identify the position and significance of latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn and how this effects climate and environmental conditions.
- C. To know the layers of the rainforest and learn about the tropical rainforest biome as an ecosystem.
- D. To learn about some of the foods/products that come from the rainforest and the importance of conservation and sustainability.

NC Objectives and Key Concepts

- E. To locate Brazil and some other South American countries on a map.
- F. To continue to understand and identify the position and significance of latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn

Picture Our Planet

- G. To know some physical features of Brazil (Sugar Loaf Mountain) and Scotland (Loch Ness)
- H. To know some human features of Brazil (Christ the Redeemer) and Scotland (Edinburgh castle)
- I. To make geographical comparisons between Brazil and Scotland.
- J. To understand some of the traditions and customs of Brazil / Scotland.
- K. To understand how Brazil / Scotland is tackling conservation issues.

Key Vocabulary						
Adventurers 1 / Year 3	Adventurers 2 / Year 4					
Europe	Window on the World					
Russia	settlement					
Borders	trade					
borders	import					
Amphitheatre	export					
	extinction					
Evergreen	captive					



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	Key Vocabulary						
Adventurers 1 / Year 3					Adventurers 2 / Year 4 Picture Our Planet		
Out and About							
city	location	settlement	survey	archipelago	coral reef	locality	Sao Paulo
compass	mountain	southeast	symbol	Brazil	country	loch	Scotland
country	navigation	southwest	topography	Christ the Redeemer	deforestation	mangrove	South America
county	glacier	northeast	valley	climate	endangered species	monolith	Sugar Loaf Mountain
fieldwork	GPS	northwest	weather	coastal plain	Europe	Oceania	tourism
key	grid reference	Ordnance Survey ma	ıp	colonial	grassland	plateau	urbanisation
lake	human feature	physical feature		colony	inhabited	pollution	conservation
landscape	industrialisation	region		continent	Levuka	River Tiete	volcanic rock
							water cycle

Under the Canopy Rivers



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aerial survey	equatorial equatorial	originate	Source	- G
biodiversity	fair trade	plaza		9
canopy layer	forest floor	satellite images	Delta	
cocoa	fungi	sustainability		
coffee	hemisphere	trees	Meander	
conservation	humidity	Tropic of Cancer		
deforestation	Mayan	Tropic of Capricorn	Mouth	
emergent layer	Mexico	tropical		
equator		understory layer	Tributary	
			Floodplain	





NAVIGATORS – UKS2

		Knowledg	e Building		
Processes and Changes	Human Geography	Physical Geography	Geographical Vocabulary	Location and Environments	Similarities and Differences
Understand the reasons for different processes and resulting changes in a range of locations	Recognise, understand and explain patterns in human geography	Understand how the physical geography of a place influences the lives of its inhabitants	Know and understand more technical vocabulary e.g. biome, climate zone	Compare and contrast diverse locations and environments	Understand why different places employ different strategies for solving similar problems
		Skills Pro	gression		
Ge	ography Skills Navigators 1 /	' Y5	Ged	ography Skills Navigators 2	/ Y 6
Ge46 Analyse evidence and draw of Ge47 Identify a range of geograph different places Ge48 Use appropriate geographics Ge49 Use atlases, globes, maps and Ge50 Draw plans and maps at a va Ge51 Use the eight points of the cor	ronments can be improved grange of primary and secondary sou conclusions a processes that cause change in the all vocabulary to communicate in a varied digital /computer mapping at a rangulate of scales	e physical and human world in ety of ways ge of scales	physical and human processes Ge54 Collect and record evidence in Ge56 Identify and explain different issues Ge57 Observe and explain how hum Ge58 Use and select primary and se present findings in a variety of ways Ge59 Use atlases, globes, maps and figure grid references Ge60 Draw plans and maps at a variety	views that people, including themselven an patterns are influenced by both his condary sources of information and edigital /computer mapping at a rangeriety of scales To help in geographical investigation	es, hold about topical geographical uman and physical features evidence, suggest conclusions and ge of scales, including four and six-





Knowledge	Progression
Navigators 1 / Year 5	Navigators 2 / Year 6
NC objectives and Key Concepts A. To be able to locate North and Central America, including some of the different countries and states — Use 8 compass points and 4 figure grid references. B. To know about the weather and varied climate over North America: Tundra, deciduous forest, coniferous forest, rainforest, desert, alpine / mountain, Mediterranean and grassland. C. To identify the famous landmarks of North America, both physical and human. D. To look at time zones by identifying the different time zones across America. E. To research the life, traditions and customs of a Native American tribe.	Time Team This is a multi-disciplinary study of the local area. The geography aspect includes a focus on geographical processes and changes, linking with a historical disciplinary focus on continuity and change and helps pupils understand how the events of history help shape a locality. They also further develop their mapping skills as part of this project. NC Objectives and Key Concepts A. To use fieldwork to observe, measure transport and locality of visitors to New Brighton. Record using graphs. B. To use 6 grid figure reference, symbols and keys including the use of OS maps to locate key features and landmarks of New Brighton. Look at how these have changed over time. C. Use symbols to draw own sketch map of New Brighton including key human and physical features. Plan a guided tour of the area using geographical and historical knowledge. Field work – visit to New Brighton to investigate land use, including data collection to inform a letter to the council proposing new facilities.
In Your Element	Trade
NC objectives and Key Concepts Earth A. To name and locate main UK and world mountains B. To learn about different types of rocks, soils and minerals C. To learn about earthquakes Fire D. To name and locate famous volcanoes, studying different types of volcanic material e.g. lava Water E. To learn about tsunamis and their link with earthquakes F. To name and locate main UK and world rivers and seas G. Revisit water cycle H. To learn about the use of water in trade links	A. To understand the importance of global trade and how it has changed over time. B. To know some of the main import and export countries of the UK. C. To know some of the main import and export products of the UK. D. To understand Fairtrade and why it is important. E. To locate El Salvador and explore its trade links with UK. Fieldwork – Trip to Maritime museum to look at the history of trade from the Port of Liverpool.
H. To learn about the use of water in trade links I. To learn about the distribution of water and water supplies e.g. drought, flooding Air J. To learn about climate zones	





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			Key	v Vocabulary		
Navigators 1 / Year 5				Navigators 2 / Year 6		
	Come Fly With Me! America			Trade		
alpine	continent	Mediterranean	Sioux	Trade		
apache	country	Mexico	state			
Canada	deciduous	migrate	Statue of Liberty	Economy		
Caribbean	desert	Native American	tribe			
Central America	grassland	Navajo	tundra	Import		
Cherokee	Greenland	rainforest	unfertile land			
climate zone	hurricanes	region		Export		
coniferous	indigenous	settlement				
				Global		
				Fair trade		

Key Vocabulary				
Navigators 1 / Year 5	Navigators 2 / Year 6			
Global Warning	Time Team			
air pollution	compass points ordnance survey maps			

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cultivation

environment

gyre

manufacturing

methane

nurdles pollutants

pollution levels

recycle

reusable

smog

sustainability

waste

water pollution

grid reference property developer

human geography road layout
industrialisation southeast

locality southwest

northeast

northwest

End Goals

Explorers / EYFS

Our aim in teaching geography in Explorers is to tap into pupils' natural curiosity and develop in them a fascination with the world, its places and people.

By the end of this phase, pupils should be able to make sense of their physical world and environment. They should be familiar with their immediate locality through exploring and observing, and be able to name some key features e.g. houses, trees. They should begin to understand that some are man-made (human geography) and some are natural (physical geography). Pupils should also be able to use simple directional language accurately. Pupils should also know that the world is made up of different countries and that there are similarities and differences between them e.g. climate, buildings. They should know what a map is and that we use them to gain information about a place.

Pathfinders / KS1

Our aim in teaching geography in Pathfinders is to expand pupils' horizons by learning more about their own locality and country, as well as investigating interesting locations in the wider world. The geography that children learn is brought 'alive' for them through investigating and asking questions about the world. By the end of this phase, they should have a clear understanding of the differences between human and physical geography, including weather and climate. They should be able to name the continents and oceans and know which continent their home country belongs to. Basic geographical vocabulary should be embedded so that pupils are able to ask and answer simple geographical questions and explain their thinking. They should be familiar with compass directions and be able to use those in context e.g. North Pole, South America. They should also begin to understand how and why changes to places and the environment happen, both as a result of natural processes and through human activity.

Adventurers / LKS2





Our aim in teaching geography in Adventurers is to equip pupils with knowledge of diverse places, people, resources, and natural and human environments. By the end of this phase, they should have an understanding of a wide range of physical and human features and processes, as well as being able to recognise and explain the interrelationship between location and environment. They should understand the difference between primary and secondary sources of evidence and recognise the role that fieldwork plays in contributing to the collection of primary evidence. Geographical vocabulary should include more specific and complex language which pupils are able to use appropriately and in context. Pupils should recognise and value interdependence through themes such as food, tourism and trade.

Navigators / UKS2

Our aim in teaching geography in Navigators is to deepen pupils' understanding and appreciation of places and their importance to us, of our impact on them and how we can manage and develop them sustainably. By the end of the phase, pupils' growing knowledge about the world they share with all life forms should help them to consolidate their understanding of interdependence, and the interaction between physical and human geography, landscapes, and environments. Pupils' geographical knowledge, understanding and skills should provide a framework in explaining how the Earth's features are shaped, interconnected and change over time, identifying and explaining patterns. They should also understand how the physical geography of a place influences the lives of its inhabitants.