



Mount Hawke Academy - Geography Curriculum Progression of Knowledge and Skills

EYFS – Geography Knowledge and Skills Progression (Understanding the World)

We provide opportunities for the children to investigate the world around them and our local area so that they can develop of real sense of who they are, their heritage and what makes our local area unique and special. We foster their understanding of our culturally, socially, technologically and ecologically diverse world. We aim to build children's geographical knowledge, skills and questioning through the four main areas of the Geography curriculum.

Locational Knowledge

Children can:

- name the village our school is in
- name our nearby city
- name the country we live in
- find where they live on a map of the UK
- learn the names of key places in the UK beyond their immediate environment

Human and Physical Geography

Children can:

- explore the natural world around them
- recognise some environments that are different from the one they live
- realise that seasons change and the differences between them

Place Knowledge

Children can:

- name and discuss the features of their local environment
- describe their immediate environment, using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, non-fiction texts and maps
- realise that some environments that are different from the one in which we live
- recognise some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries, using a selection of stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems

Geographical Skills and Fieldwork

Children can:

- understand that information can be drawn from a simple map
- make use of our surrounding environments to begin simple fieldwork and observations

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| Locational Knowledge | <p>Building on EYFS knowledge of their own environment, children start to learn the names of key places in the UK beyond their immediate environment. Children also learn the names of the world's oceans and continents.</p> <p>KS1 Geography National Curriculum Pupils develop contextual knowledge of the location of globally significant places. They should develop knowledge about the world, the United Kingdom and their locality.</p> <p>Children can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans; b name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas; c use key vocabulary to demonstrate knowledge and understanding in this strand, including: United Kingdom, England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, town, city, village, sea, beach, hill, mountain, London, Belfast, Cardiff, Edinburgh, capital city, world map, continent, ocean, Europe, Africa, Asia, Australia, North America, South America, Antarctica. | <p>Building on KS1 knowledge of the UK, children begin to explore more of the world, including North and South America, and understand how the world has zones and the significance of those zones. Locating places and features accurately on maps also becomes a focus.</p> <p>KS2 Geography National Curriculum Pupils should extend their knowledge and understanding beyond the local area to include the United Kingdom and Europe, North and South America.</p> <p>Children can develop contextual knowledge of the location of globally significant places – both terrestrial and marine.</p> <p>Children develop their understanding, recognising and identifying key physical and human geographical features.</p> <p>Children can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on North and South America, concentrating on environmental regions and key physical and human characteristics; b name and locate counties and cities of the United Kingdom, identifying human and physical characteristics including hills, mountains, rivers and seas, and how a place has changed; c identify the position and significance of latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic Circle, the Prime/Greenwich Meridian and time zones; d use key vocabulary to demonstrate knowledge and understanding in this strand, including: county, country, town, coast, physical features, human features, mountain, hill, river, sea, climate, tropics, tropical, of latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, North America, South America, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic Circle. | <p>Children begin to explore Europe and consolidate their knowledge of the world using maps to find locations. Children use their knowledge of longitude, latitude, coordinates and indexes to locate places.</p> <p>KS2 Geography National Curriculum Pupils should extend their knowledge and understanding beyond the local area to include the United Kingdom and Europe, North and South America. They will begin to explore the concept of tourism and its impact. Children can develop contextual knowledge of the location of globally significant places – both terrestrial and marine.</p> <p>Children develop their understanding, recognising and identifying key physical and human geographical features of the world; how these are interdependent and how they bring about spatial variation and change over time.</p> <p>Children can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a use maps to locate the world's countries with a focus on Eastern Europe and South America, concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries, and major cities; b name and locate counties and cities of the United Kingdom, identifying their physical features, including mountains, and rivers, and land-use patterns; showing change over time; c identify the position and significance of latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere and use longitude and latitude to find locations on a map; d use key vocabulary to demonstrate knowledge and understanding in this strand, including: atlas, index, coordinates, latitude, longitude, contour, altitude, peaks, slopes, continent, country, city, border, key. |

Children begin to compare places in the UK with a place outside of the UK. This builds on EYFS knowledge and understanding of the world, people and communities. Children can apply the skills of observing similarities and differences to places as well as people.

KS1 Geography National Curriculum

Pupils develop contextual knowledge of the location of globally significant places. They should develop knowledge about the world, the United Kingdom and their locality. Children begin to understand basic vocabulary relating to human and physical geography.

Children can:

- a compare the UK with a contrasting country in the world;
- b compare a local city/town in the UK with a contrasting city/town in a different country;
- c use key vocabulary to demonstrate knowledge and understanding in this strand, including: South America, London, Brasilia, compare, capital city, China, Asia, country, population, weather, similarities, differences, farming, culture, Africa, Kenya, Nairobi, river, desert, volcano.

Children develop vocabulary relating to physical and human geographical features from KS1. They begin to develop the skills of comparing regions, by focusing on specific features. Children focus on comparing our local area in depth and start to look at areas outside the UK.

KS2 Geography National Curriculum

Children can understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom, a region in a European country and a region within North or South America.

Children can:

- a understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human geography of a region of the United Kingdom, North and South America;
- a explore similarities and differences, comparing the human geography of a region of the UK and North & South America;
- b understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom and North & South America;
- c use key vocabulary to demonstrate knowledge and understanding in this strand, including: city, physical features, human features, landscape, feature, population, land use, retail, leisure, housing, business, industrial, agricultural.

Children develop their analytical skills by comparing areas of the UK with areas outside the UK. They will have a deeper knowledge of diverse places, people, resources, natural, and human environments. They can make links to places outside the UK and where they live. Children are encouraged to conduct independent research, asking and answering questions.

KS2 Geography National Curriculum

Children can understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom, a region in a European country, and a region within North or South America.

Children can:

- b understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human geography of a region of the United Kingdom and a region of Europe;
- c understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom and a region of Europe;
- d use key vocabulary to demonstrate knowledge and understanding in this strand, including: latitude, rainforest, physical features, climate, human geography, land use, settlement, economy, natural resources.

Building on EYFS knowledge of how environments may vary, children begin to learn about the physical and human features of geography.

KS1 Geography National Curriculum

Children will understand key physical and human geographical features of the world. They identify seasonal and daily weather patterns.

Children can:

- a identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom and the location of hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South Poles;
- b use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to key physical features, including: beach, cliff, coast, forest, hill, mountain, sea, ocean, river, soil, valley, vegetation, season and weather;
- c use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to key human features, including: city, town, village, factory, farm, house, office, port, harbour and shop.

Children have a stronger understanding of the difference between physical and human geography. They use more precise vocabulary, explaining the processes of physical and human geography and their significance. They learn more about extreme weather, the processes involved in the causes and effects of extreme weather, as well as beginning to understand the impact of humans on the earth.

KS2 Geography National Curriculum

Children locate a range of the world's most significant human and physical features. Explain how physical features have formed, why they are significant and how they can change.

Explain the impact of humans on the earth in terms of land use, settlements and their direct connection to physical changes.

Children can:

describe and understand key aspects of:

- a physical geography, including: climate zones, biomes, vegetation belts, rivers and the water cycle;
- b human geography, including: types of settlement and land use;
- c use key vocabulary to demonstrate knowledge and understanding in this strand, including: climate, tropics, deforestation, evaporation, water cycle, condensation, precipitation, cooling, filter, pollution, settlement, settler, site, need, shelter, food, river, overland, flow, mouth, channel, condensation, precipitation, source, mouth, tributary, v-shaped valley, waterfall, ox-bow lake, meander.

Children deepen their understanding of the difference between physical and human geography. They can explain the terminology of both aspects of geography with a range of examples. They spend time exploring human geography and the impact humans have on the world. They focus on trade links, resources and the distribution of resources around the world. Children also learn about the different types of mountains.

KS2 Geography National Curriculum

Children will locate a range of the world's most significant human and physical features. Explain how physical features have formed, why they are significant and how they can change. Children can understand how these are interdependent and how they bring about spatial variation and change over time. Children will deepen their understanding of the interaction between physical and human processes, and of the formation and use of landscapes and environments.

Children can:

describe and understand key aspects of:

- a physical geography, including: climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts, mountains and the water cycle;
- b human geography, including: types of settlement and land use, economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water;
- c use key vocabulary to demonstrate knowledge and understanding in this strand: environmental disaster, settlement, resources, services, goods, electricity, supply, generation, renewable, non-renewable, solar power, wind power, biomass, origin, import, export, trade, efficiency, conservation, carbon footprint, peak, plateau, fold mountain, fault-block mountain, dome mountain, volcanic mountain, plateau mountain, tourism, positive, negative, economic, social, environmental, mantle, outer core, inner core, magma, volcano, active, dormant, extinct, earthquake, epicentre, shock wave, magnitude, tsunami, tornado.

Building on EYFS knowledge of their own environment, children begin to use maps to locate places and name features using keys and symbols. Children also begin to look at how the environment has changed over time.

KS1 Geography National Curriculum

Children can interpret geographical information from a range of sources. They can communicate geographical information in a variety of ways.

Children can:

- a use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the countries, continents and oceans studied at this key stage;
- b use simple compass directions and locational and directional to describe the location of features and routes on a map;
- c devise a simple map; and use and construct basic symbols in a key;
- d use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of the surrounding area, including key human and physical features, using a range of methods;
- e use key vocabulary to demonstrate knowledge and understanding in this strand, including: compass, 4-point, direction, North, East, South, West, plan, record, observe, aerial view, key, map, symbols, direction, position, route, journey, the UK, changes, tally chart, pictogram, world map, country, continent, human, physical.

Children begin to develop their map skills. They will be able to identify features on a map through the use of symbols and keys. Children begin to use fieldwork skills to monitor and explain patterns in human and physical features.

KS2 Geography National Curriculum

Children collect, analyse and communicate a range of data gathered through fieldwork that deepens their understanding of geographical processes. They interpret a range of sources of geographical information including maps, diagrams, globes, aerial photographs and Geographical Information Systems (GIS).

Children can:

- a use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied;
- b use symbols and keys (including the use of Ordnance Survey maps), to build their knowledge of the local area and the wider world;
- c use fieldwork to observe and present the human and physical features in the local area using sketch maps, plans and digital technologies;
- d use key vocabulary to demonstrate knowledge and understanding in this strand, including: sketch map, map, aerial view, feature, annotation, landmark, distance, key, symbol, land use, urban, rural, population, coordinates.

Children build on their map skills by communicating locations through grid references and coordinates. They also explain what makes a good map symbol and why. Children focus on observing and recording the changes of human features over time, for example trade patterns.

KS2 Geography National Curriculum

Children will become confident in collecting, analysing, and communicating a range of data. Children can explain how the Earth's features at different scales are shaped, interconnected and change over time.

Children can:

- a use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features;
- b use the eight points of a compass, four and six-figure grid references, symbols and key (including the use of Ordnance Survey maps) to build their knowledge of the United Kingdom and the wider world;
- c use fieldwork to observe, measure, record and present human features using a range of methods, including sketch maps, plans and graphs, and digital technologies;
- d use key vocabulary to demonstrate knowledge and understanding in this strand, including: atlas, index, coordinates, latitude, longitude, key, symbol, Ordnance Survey, compass, legend, borders, fieldwork, measure, observe, record, map, sketch, graph.