

Skills Progression Map (EYFS – Year 6)

EYFS

- Notice features of the natural world.
- Begin to use simple positional language.
- Recognise basic weather patterns.
- Talk about places that are familiar to them.

Year 1

- Use simple maps and aerial photos.
- Identify human and physical features locally.
- Use basic directional language.
- Describe daily and seasonal weather patterns.

Year 2

- Create simple maps with symbols.
- Compare a small area of the UK with a contrasting area.
- Identify continents and oceans.
- Use fieldwork to gather simple data.

Year 3

- Use 4-figure grid references.
- Describe features of rivers and mountains.
- Understand how settlements differ.
- Use fieldwork to record and present data.

Year 4

- Use 8-point compass and OS map symbols.
- Explain physical processes (volcanoes, earthquakes).
- Understand economic activity and natural resources.
- Conduct fieldwork with increasing independence.

Year 5

- Use 6-figure grid references.
- Compare regions of the UK, Europe and the world.
- Interpret a range of geographical data (graphs, maps, digital sources).
- Understand climate zones and biomes.

Year 6

- Analyse complex geographical data.
- Explain global trade, migration and environmental issues.
- Evaluate the impact of human and physical processes on places.
- Conduct fieldwork investigations independently from hypothesis to conclusion.