

Geography Curriculum Overview

Geography is built on the Cornerstones Curriculum. Each autumn, every year group completes a companion project covering locational and place knowledge, human and physical geography, and map and fieldwork skills. Each spring, pupils apply this in a knowledge-rich study of one environment.

Year	Autumn: companion project	Spring: main project	Key content
Year 1	Our Wonderful World	Bright Lights, Big City	UK countries and capitals, continents and oceans; seasonal weather; human and physical features of the UK with a focus on London; simple maps and routes
Year 2	Let's Explore the World	Coastline	Climate zones; comparison of England with a non-European country; coastal features and human activity; atlases, map keys and coastal fieldwork
Year 3	One Planet, Our World	Rocks, Relics and Rumbles	Latitude, longitude, hemispheres and time zones; land use and natural resources; plate tectonics, volcanoes and earthquakes; four-figure grid references
Year 4	Interconnected World	Misty Mountain, Winding River	Trade, transport and energy; Europe and the Americas; rivers, mountains and the water cycle; six-figure grid references, OS maps and contours
Year 5	Investigating Our World	Sow, Grow and Farm	Biomes, settlement patterns and sustainable manufacturing; farming and food production in the UK, Europe and the Americas; digital mapping
Year 6	Our Changing World	Frozen Kingdoms	Climate change, global trade and resource management; Arctic and Antarctic environments and sustainability; GIS and data analysis

Summer term The summer term is used to revisit less secure concepts.