

Progression of Skills in Geography – Key Stage 1

	Year 1	Year 2
Geographical enquiry	 Teacher led enquiries, to ask and respond to simple closed questions. Use information books/pictures as sources of information. Investigate their surroundings. Make observations about where things are, e.g. within school or local area. 	 Children encourage to ask simple geographical questions: Where is it? What's it like? Use non-fiction books, stories, maps, pictures/photos and internet as sources of information. Investigate their surroundings. Make appropriate observations about why things happen. Make simple comparisons between features of different places.
Direction/Location	Follow directions (up, down, left/right, forwards/backwards).	Follow directions (as Y1 and inc North, South, East, West).
Drawing maps	Draw pictures, maps of imaginary places and from stories.	 Draw a map of a real or imaginary place (add detail to a sketch map from aerial photograph)
Representation	Use own symbols on imaginary map.	Begin to understand the need for a key.Use agreed class symbols to make a simple key.
Using maps	 Use a simple picture map to move around the school. Recognise that it is about a place. 	 Follow a route on a map. Use a plan view. Use an infant atlas to locate places.
Scale/Distance	Use relative vocabulary (e.g. bigger/smaller, like/dislike).	Begin to spatially match places (e.g. recognise UK on a small scale and larger scale map).
Perspective	Draw around objects to make a plan.	Look down on objects to make a plan view.
Map knowledge	Learn names of some places within/around the UK e.g. hometown, cities, countries	 Locate and name on UK map major features e.g. London, River Thames, home location, seas.
Style of map	Picture maps and globes	Find land/sea on globe.Use teacher drawn base mapsUse larger scale OS maps/infant atlas