

Early Independent Learning Opportunities - a Foundation for the Key Stage One Programmes of Study



Geographical skills and fieldwork

- Use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the United Kingdom and its countries, as well as the countries, continents and oceans studied at this key stage
- Use simple compass directions (North, South, East and West) and locational and directional language [for example, near and far; left and right], to describe the location of features and routes on a map
- Use aerial photographs and plan perspectives to recognise landmarks and basic human and physical features; devise a simple map; and use and construct basic symbols in a key
- Use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of their school and its grounds and the key human and physical features of its surrounding environment.

Human and physical geography

- 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
- 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
 - Key human features, including: city, town, village, factory, farm, house, office, port, harbour and shop

Locational knowledge

- Name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans
- Name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas

Geography

Place knowledge

- Understand geographical similarities and differences through studying the human and physical geography of a small area of the United Kingdom, and of a small area in a contrasting non-European country

Key Stage One

- Weather discussion – what's the weather today?
- Weather boxes
- Bee-bots, positional language
- Role play - Festivals and celebrations from around the world
- Construction - features of buildings from around the world
- Multicultural texts/picture books

The Natural World

People, cultures and Communities

Early Years Foundation Stage

- Exploring our world through stories
- Exploring the forest, beach and the local environment
- Exploring animals from around the world
- Exploring the outdoor area, fields and their features
- Exploring the indoor school environment
- Looking at and drawing basic maps
- Exploring different environments e.g. water/desert/arctic