

## Nursery to Reception Progression and Knowledge Organiser — Geography (Understanding the World)



England Class Nursery	EYFS Curriculum: Development Matters - Geography — 3-4 Year Olds				Progression towards ELG:			
	<ul> <li>Know that there are different countries in the world and talk about the differences they have experienced or seen in photos.</li> <li>Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things.</li> <li>Talk about what they see, using a wide vocabulary</li> <li>Use all their senses in hands-on exploration of natural materials</li> <li>Explore and respond to different natural phenomena in their setting and on trips.</li> </ul>			<ul> <li>Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, non-fiction texts and maps.</li> <li>Explain some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries, drawing on knowledge from stories, non-fiction texts and (when appropriate) maps.</li> <li>Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class.</li> <li>Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter.</li> </ul>				
Curriculum	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1		Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2	
Coverage (Examples)	Look on Google maps at a bird's eye view of Burton End. Can they spot anything they recognise?	Look at photos of different types of homes. Which type do they live in? Talk about differences and similarities.	Look at books of houses around the world. How do they look different to the houses in Haverhill.		What does the jungle look like? Who lives there? Different countries our families come from —Use world map	Places around the world Draw a map from home to school	Use world map to explore holiday destinations. How will you get there.	
Key Vocabulary	Street, road, bridge, sc	nool, church, house, shop	o, bungalow, traffic	, ligh	ts, zebra, crossing, round	labout, map, journey, to	wn, What can you see?	

Wales/Scotland	EYFS Curriculum: Development Matters — Understanding the World	Progression towards ELG:
Classes	·	
	Draw information from a simple map.	Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from
Reception	Recognise some similarities and differences between life in this country	observation, discussion, stories, non-fiction texts and maps.
	and life in other countries.	• Explain some similarities and differences between life in this
	Explore the natural world around them	country and life in other countries, drawing on knowledge from
	Describe what they see, hear and feel whilst outside.	stories, non-fiction texts and (when appropriate) maps.
	• Recognise some environments that are different from the one in which	Know some similarities and differences between the natural
	they live.	world around them and contrasting environments, drawing on
	Understand the effect of changing seasons on the natural world	their experiences and what has been read in class.
	around them.	

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	Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter.					
Curriculum Coverage (Examples)	Map of the school – walk around the school, walk to Newt Pond	Where do they live? Walk in the local area Talk about differences and similarities.	What is there house like? How do they look different to houses around the world?	Farm compared to the town.	Places around the world – Africa linked to music and art	World Map — oceans and countries around the world. Travelling to places
Key Vocabulary	Home, land, sea, beach, cliffs, globe, earth, country, local area, atlas, forest, hill, mountain, jungle, different, similar, physical feature, human					
	feature, What can you observe?, geographer, world, ocean, country, city, town, village, place, map, season, weather					

Progression of Skills								
	Geographical	Direction	Maps – drawing, using,	Place Knowledge	Scale / distance	Human and Physical		
	Enquiry		knowledge			Geography		
Nursery	Naming simple features e.g. trees, ground, wall, grass, road  Using some descriptive vocabulary to describe features e.g. tall tree, long wall  Begin to compare features of	Follow one step positional instructions e.g. stand up, sit down  Follow positional instructions e.g. under the table, through the table, stand next to	Begins to make marks to represent home  Begin to make marks to represent buildings, trees roads  Begin to make marks to represent journeys  Showing an interest in maps e.g. look at atlases, road maps, treasure maps  I can explain the	Make observations about their local environment e.g. park, school, home	I can use words like big and small to describe things around me	I can use basic geographical vocabulary such as tree, sky, grass, sea, forest, river, beach  I can use basic geographical vocabulary such as house, school, shop, car park, cinema, cafe, airport, train station		
	different environments		difference between land and sea on a map					
	e.g. park compared to		I begin to show an					
	house		interest in google maps					

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	and look at features from		
	a birds eye view		