

# Geography



## Long-term plan

### Standard

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Our standard Long-term plan covering the KS1 and KS2 national curriculum objectives in three units a year.

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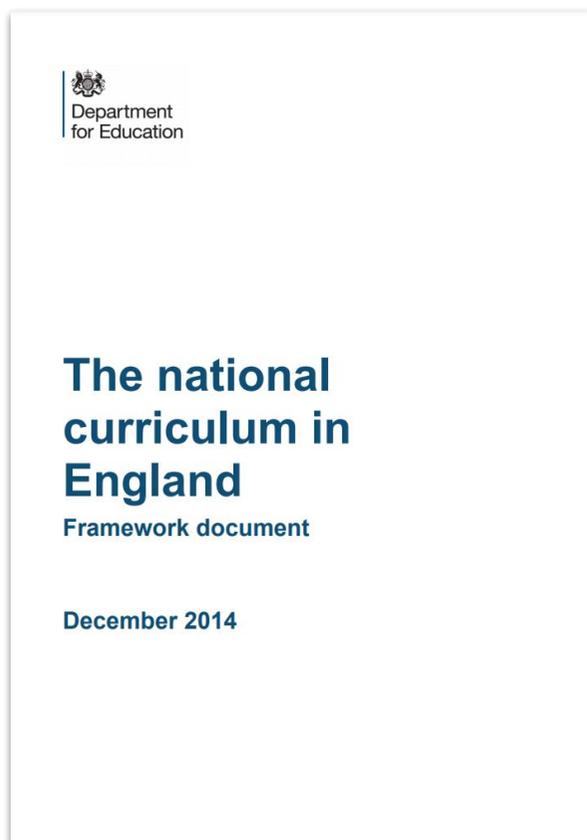
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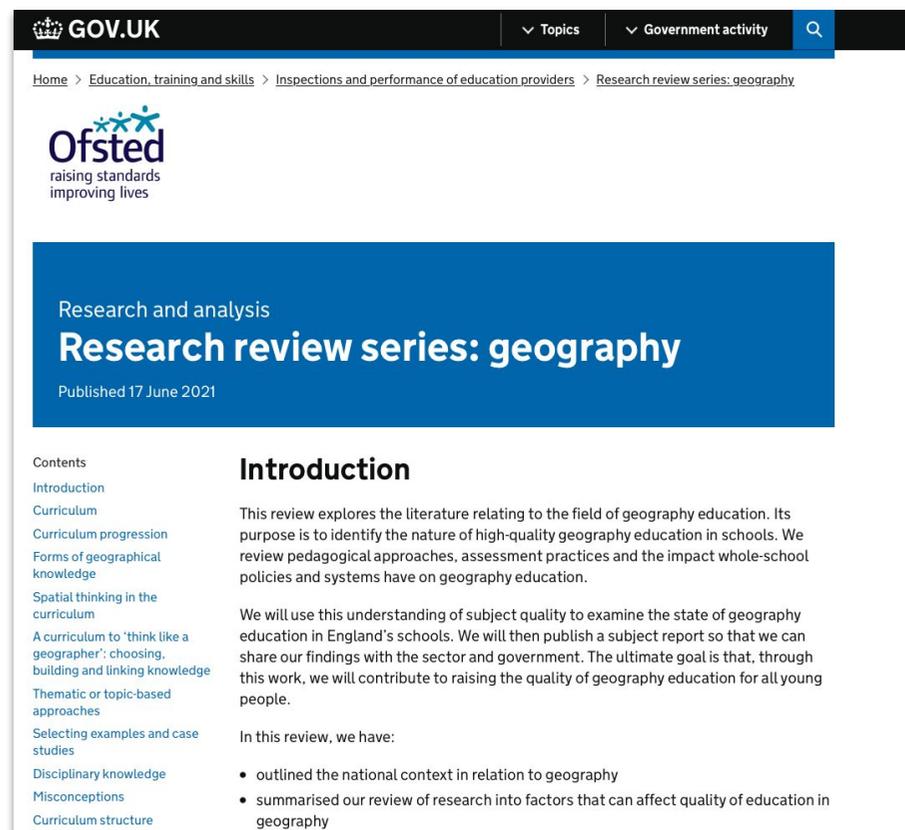
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# How does Kapow Primary help our school to meet the statutory guidance for Geography?

Our scheme of work fulfils the statutory requirements for Geography outlined in **The national curriculum (2014)** and was created based on the principles outlined in the Ofsted Research review series: [geography](#)



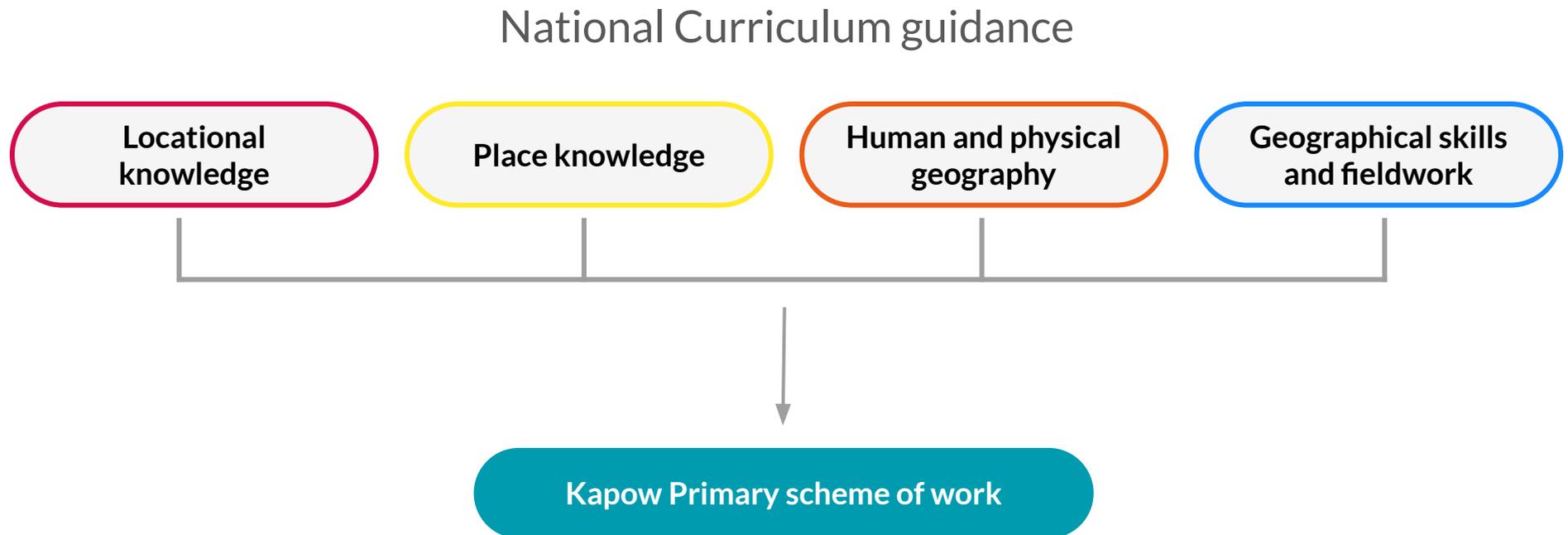
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# How is the **Geography** scheme of work organised?

The national curriculum organises the attainment targets for Geography under **Locational knowledge**, **Place knowledge**, **Human and physical geography** and **Geographical skills and fieldwork** and so we have planned our Geography curriculum with these strands running through each and every unit.



# A spiral curriculum

The scheme of work has been designed as a spiral curriculum with the following key principles in mind:

- ✓ **Cyclical:** Pupils return to the key knowledge and skills again and again during their time in primary school.
- ✓ **Increasing depth:** Each time a skill is revisited it is covered with greater complexity.
- ✓ **Prior knowledge:** Prior knowledge is utilised so pupils can build upon previous foundations, rather than starting again.



## Is there any flexibility in the Kapow Primary **Geography** scheme?

Our Geography scheme of work is organised into units consisting of six lessons.

Within each unit, lessons must be taught in order as they build upon one another.

Units in Year 1 and 2 should be taught in the correct year group and in the suggested order to ensure progression.

The six units in lower key stage 2 can be taught in any order but should all be taught within Years 3 and 4. The six units in upper key stage 2 can be taught in any order but should all be taught within Year 5 and 6.

This document gives the recommended order but flexibility in the order the units can be taught allows schools to adapt the planning to suit their school and to make use of cross-curricular links available.

Please note, however, that the *Recap and recall* sections of the lesson are designed as retrieval practice for those who have taught the units in the suggested order and may not be suitable for schools who have adapted the order themselves or those following the Long-term plan: Mixed-age (coming soon!)

# Fieldwork skills

Below is a list of many of the fieldwork skills featured in our curriculum. These will be built upon over time and will be featured across units where most appropriate for the enquiry question. Please see our [Fieldwork planner](#) to ensure that you are prepared for the fieldwork lessons in advance as some of them require off-site visits.

## Observing

- Maps and compasses to follow routes.
- Annotated field sketches.
- Aerial photographs.
- Transects.
- Magnifying glasses to observe in more detail and classify.
- Sketch maps.

## Measuring

- Likert scales.
- Rain gauges
- Thermometers.
- Non-standard measurements (for example, drawing around a puddle with chalk).

## Recording

- Drawing routes on maps.
- Annotated maps.
- Digital photographs.
- Using simple recording techniques to record their feelings.
- Questionnaires.
- Interviews.
- Tally charts.
- Audio recordings.
- Sketch maps to show spatial patterns.

## Presenting

- GIS (digital mapping).
- Bar charts
- Pictograms.
- Pie charts.
- Presentations.
- Letters.
- Slideshows.
- Non-chronological reports.
- Verbal.
- Posters.
- Video.
- Balanced arguments.

# Assessment in Geography

## Formative assessment

Every lesson begins with the 'Recap and recall' section which is intended to allow pupils retrieval practice of key knowledge relevant to the upcoming lesson. This section also provides teachers with an opportunity to make informal judgements about whether pupils have retained prior learning and are ready to move on.

Each lesson contains the 'Assessing progress and understanding' section which helps teachers to identify those pupils who are secure in their learning or working at a greater depth in each lesson. These assessments can then be recorded on our [Geography: Assessment spreadsheet](#) which supports the teacher in identifying gaps in learning amongst the class or for individual pupils.

## Summative assessment

Each unit of work assesses children's understanding and retention of key knowledge using an assessment quiz with nine multiple choice questions and one open-ended question.

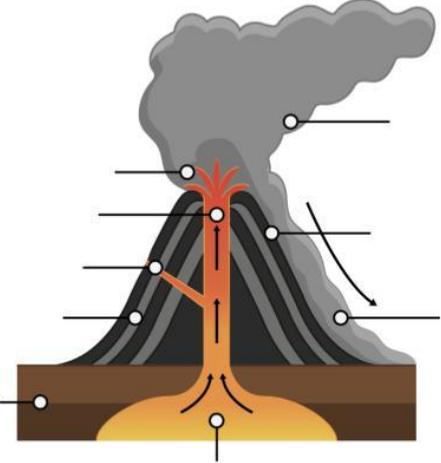
In addition, each unit uses either a skills or knowledge catcher, depending on the key [strands](#) covered in the unit. This can be used at the beginning and/or end of a unit and gives children the opportunity to further demonstrate their understanding of the key concepts covered.

Assessment quizzes, and skills and knowledge catchers provide teachers with a record of summative assessment as evidence of progression throughout the year and as pupils move between key stages.

It is suggested that teachers keep all forms of assessment as children move through primary school so that the subject lead and teachers will have a record of children's learning.

### Year 3 - Why do people live near volcanoes?

Label the diagram of a volcano using the word bank, then answer the questions below.



**Word bank**

- Ash cloud
- Steep sides
- Pyroclastic flow
- Magma chamber
- Crust
- Layers of ash and lava
- Branch pipe
- Vent
- Explosive lava

1 What are the negative effects of living near a volcano?

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2 What are the positive effects of living near a volcano?

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# Other useful documentation

There are a number of key documents that can support you in planning and delivery of the Kapow Primary Geography scheme. Visit the [Subject planning page](#) for more.

- ✓ [National curriculum mapping document](#)
  - Shows which of the National curriculum attainment targets are covered by each unit.
- ✓ [Progression of skills and knowledge document:](#)
  - Shows how understanding and application of key concepts and skills builds year on year.
- ✓ [Knowledge organisers - one per unit:](#)
  - One page overview of the key knowledge and vocabulary from a unit to support pupils' learning.
- ✓ [Equipment list](#)
  - Lists the equipment needed for each unit of lessons, to help you prepare ahead of time.
- ✓ [Intent, Implementation, Impact statement](#)

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Year 1	<a href="#"><u>What is it like here?</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>What is the weather like in the UK?</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>What is it like to live in Shanghai?</u></a> - Coming soon!
Year 2	<a href="#"><u>Would you prefer to live in a hot or cold place?</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Why is our world wonderful?</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>What is it like to live by the coast?</u></a> - Coming soon!
Year 3 (LKS2)	<a href="#"><u>Why do people live near volcanoes?</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Who lives in Antarctica?</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Are all settlements the same?</u></a> - Coming soon!
Year 4 (LKS2)	<a href="#"><u>Why are rainforests important to us?</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Where does our food come from?</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>What are rivers and how are they used?</u></a> - Coming soon!
Year 5 (UKS2)	<a href="#"><u>What is life like in the Alps?</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Why do oceans matter?</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Would you like to live in the desert?</u></a> - Coming soon!
Year 6 (UKS2)	<a href="#"><u>Why does population change?</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Where does our energy come from?</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>How could we make our local area more environmentally friendly?</u></a> - Coming soon!

\*There is some flexibility in the order your school chooses to teach units. See [here](#) for more information.

	Year 1	Year 2
Autumn	<p><a href="#">What is it like here?</a> (6 lessons)</p> <p>Locating where they live on an aerial photograph, children recognise local features. They create maps using classroom objects before drawing simple maps of the school grounds. Pupils use maps to follow simple routes around the school grounds and carry out an enquiry about how to improve their playground. <b>Lessons 3 and 4 involve fieldwork and may take longer than one hour.</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Would you prefer to live in a hot or cold place?</a> (6 lessons)</p> <p>Introducing children to the basic concept of climate zones and mapping out hot and cold places globally. Children compare features in the North and South Poles and Kenya as well as in the local area. They learn the four compass points and the names and location of the seven continents. <b>Lesson 5 involves fieldwork and may take longer than one hour.</b></p>
Spring	<p><a href="#">What is the weather like in the UK?</a> (6 lessons)</p> <p>Studying the countries and cities that make up the UK, children discuss the four seasons and their associated weather. They consider how we change our behaviour in response to different weather and keep a weather diary or record. Finally, children investigate the UK's hot and cold places using weather maps with a simple key. <b>Lessons 2, 3 and 4 involve fieldwork and may take longer than one hour.</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Why is our world wonderful?</a> (6 lessons)</p> <p>Identifying features and major characteristics of the UK before learning about some of the amazing places in the world. Naming the oceans and locating these on a world map. Considering what is unique about the natural habitats in their locality and using fieldwork to investigate and present this. <b>Lesson 5 involves fieldwork and may take longer than one hour.</b></p>
Summer	<p><a href="#">What is it like to live in Shanghai?</a> (6 lessons) - Coming soon!</p> <p>Using a world map to start recognising continents, oceans and countries outside the UK with a focus on China. Children identify physical features of Shanghai using aerial photographs and maps before identifying human features, through exploring land-use. They compare the human and physical features of Shanghai to features in the local area and make a simple map using data collected through fieldwork. <b>Lesson 1 involves fieldwork and may take longer than one hour.</b></p>	<p><a href="#">What is it like to live by the coast?</a> (6 lessons) - Coming soon!</p> <p>Naming and locating continents and oceans of the world while revisiting countries and cities of the UK and surrounding seas. Children learn about the physical features of the Jurassic Coast and how humans have interacted with this over time, including land use, settlements and tourism.</p>

	Year 3	Year 4
Autumn	<p><u><a href="#">Why do people live near volcanoes?</a></u> (6 lessons)</p> <p>Learning how the Earth is constructed and about tectonic plates and their boundaries. Children learn how mountains are formed, explain the formation and types of volcanoes and explore the cause of earthquakes. They map the global distribution of mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes and consider the negative and positive effects of living in a volcanic environment and the ways in which humans have responded to earthquakes.</p> <p><b>Lesson 6 involves fieldwork and may take longer than one hour.</b></p>	<p><u><a href="#">Why are rainforests important to us?</a></u> (6 lessons)</p> <p>Focussing on the link between biomes and climate, children will locate the Amazon rainforest and explain how the vegetation in a tropical rainforest is defined by the two Tropics. They investigate the physical features and layers of the Amazon rainforest, considering how plants adapt to these conditions. Learning about the people who live in the rainforest, children discuss the impact of human activity locally and globally.</p> <p><b>Lesson 4 involves fieldwork and may take longer than one hour.</b></p>
Spring	<p><u><a href="#">Who lives in Antarctica?</a></u> (6 lessons)</p> <p>Learning about latitude and longitude and how this links to climate. Pupils consider the tilt of the Earth and how this impacts the Antarctic circle and global temperature. They explore the physical features of a polar region and how humans have adapted to working there, taking into account that there is no permanent population. Pupils study Shackleton's expedition before planning their own, using mapping skills learnt so far.</p> <p><b>Lesson 6 involves fieldwork and may take longer than one hour.</b></p>	<p><u><a href="#">Where does our food come from?</a></u> (6 lessons)</p> <p>Looking at the distribution of the world's biomes and mapping food imports from around the world, children learn about trading fairly with a specific focus on Côte d'Ivoire and cocoa beans. They explore where the food for their school dinners comes from and the pros and cons of local versus global.</p> <p><b>Lesson 5 involves fieldwork and may take longer than one hour.</b></p>
Summer	<p><u><a href="#">Are all settlements the same?</a></u> (6 lessons) - Coming soon!</p> <p>Exploring different types of settlements, land use, and the difference between urban and rural. They describe the different human and physical features in their local area and how it has changed over time. They make land use comparisons between their local area and New Delhi to find key similarities and differences between these two locations.</p> <p><b>Lesson 3 involves fieldwork and may take longer than one hour.</b></p>	<p><u><a href="#">What are rivers and how are they used?</a></u> (6 lessons) - Coming soon!</p> <p>Developing an understanding of the water cycle. Naming and mapping major rivers both globally and in the UK. Children learn about the features and courses of a river and how they are used by humans. They study a local river during their fieldwork to spot human and physical features they have learnt throughout the unit.</p> <p><b>Lesson 6 involves fieldwork and may take longer than one hour.</b></p>

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	Year 5	Year 6
Autumn	<p><u><a href="#">What is life like in the Alps?</a></u> (6 lessons)</p> <p>Discovering the climate of mountain ranges and considering why people choose to visit the Alps, children focus on Innsbruck and identify the human and physical features that attract tourists. They then apply their learning to investigate tourism in the local area, mapping recreational land use and presenting their findings.</p> <p><b>Lesson 4 involves fieldwork and may take longer than one hour.</b></p>	<p><u><a href="#">Why does population change?</a></u> (6 lessons)</p> <p>Looking at global population distribution, children think about why certain areas are more populated than others. They explore the factors that influence birth and death rates and use case studies to illustrate these. Children consider and discuss the social, economic and environmental push and pull factors that influence migration. Fieldwork is carried out to explore the impact of population on the local environment.</p> <p><b>Lesson 5 involves fieldwork and may take longer than one hour.</b></p>
Spring	<p><u><a href="#">Why do oceans matter?</a></u> (6 lessons)</p> <p>Exploring the significance of our oceans, children learn how humans use and impact them and how this has changed over time. Pupils study the Great Barrier Reef and how plastic and pollution is damaging this marine environment, before considering positive environmental changes that can be made including making eco-friendly choices. They use fieldwork skills to investigate the amount and type of litter in their nearest marine environment.</p> <p><b>Lesson 5 involves fieldwork and may take longer than one hour.</b></p>	<p><u><a href="#">Where does our energy come from?</a></u> (6 lessons)</p> <p>Learning about time zones around the world while exploring natural resources and energy found in the United States and the United Kingdom. Children learn about renewable and non-renewable energy sources and the impacts these have on society, economy and environment. They carry out a fieldwork investigation considering the best location for a solar panel on the school grounds.</p> <p><b>Lesson 6 involves fieldwork and may take longer than one hour.</b></p>
Summer	<p><u><a href="#">Would you like to live in the desert?</a></u> (6 lessons) - Coming soon!</p> <p>Exploring biomes and their various characteristics, children study deserts, mapping those around the world but particularly focusing on those in North America. Children learn about the physical features of a desert and consider how humans interact with and have adapted to living in the desert.</p>	<p><u><a href="#">How could we make our local area more environmentally friendly?</a></u> (6 lessons) - Coming soon!</p> <p>Observing, measuring, recording and presenting their own fieldwork study of the local area with a focus on the environment. Pupils implement digital mapping, use of photographs, data collection and analysis, before culminating their ideas into a presentation explaining small changes that can be made to improve the quality of their local environment.</p> <p><small>*This unit could be a good transition project for children to work alongside secondary school pupils.</small></p>

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It is important to plan for fieldwork in advance, especially if it involves leaving the school grounds, so the lessons involving fieldwork and the suggested locations to carry out this fieldwork are listed below.

It is important to risk-assess the proposed fieldwork taking into account any relevant school risk assessment policies and procedures. Refer to the *Before the lesson* section in each fieldwork lesson to prepare. **Please be aware fieldwork lessons may take longer than one hour.**

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	<p><b>Lessons involving fieldwork:</b> <a href="#"><u>Lesson 3: What can we find in our school grounds?</u></a> <b>Location:</b> School grounds</p> <p><a href="#"><u>Lesson 4: Where are the different places in our school?</u></a> <b>Location:</b> School grounds</p>	<p><b>Lessons involving fieldwork:</b> <a href="#"><u>Lesson 2: What are the four seasons?</u></a> <b>Location:</b> School grounds</p> <p><a href="#"><u>Lesson 3: What are the compass directions?</u></a> <b>Location:</b> School grounds</p> <p><a href="#"><u>Lesson 4: What is the weather like today?</u></a> <b>Location:</b> School grounds</p>	<p><b>Lessons involving fieldwork:</b> Lesson 1: What can we see in our local area? <b>Location:</b> Local area surrounding school.</p>
Year 2	<a href="#"><u>Would you prefer to live in a hot or cold place?</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Why is our world wonderful?</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>What is it like to live by the coast?</u></a> - Coming soon!
	<p><b>Lessons involving fieldwork:</b> <a href="#"><u>Lesson 5: Do we live in a hot or cold place?</u></a> <b>Location:</b> School grounds</p>	<p><b>Lessons involving fieldwork:</b> <a href="#"><u>Lesson 5: Why are natural habitats special?</u></a> <b>Location:</b> Local woodland or green space in the school grounds</p>	

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Year 3 (LKS2)	<u>Why do people live near volcanoes?</u>	<u>Who lives in Antarctica?</u>	<u>Are all settlements the same?</u> - Coming soon!
	Lessons involving fieldwork: <a href="#">Lesson 6: Where have the rocks around school come from?</a> Location: School grounds	Lessons involving fieldwork: <a href="#">Lesson 6: How did our expedition go?</a> Location: School grounds	Lessons involving fieldwork: Lesson 3: Can I explain the location of features in my local area? Location: Local area
Year 4 (LKS2)	<u>Why are rainforests important to us?</u>	<u>Where does our food come from?</u>	<u>What are rivers and how are they used?</u> - Coming soon!
	Lessons involving fieldwork: <a href="#">Lesson 5: How is our local woodland used?: Data collection</a> Location: Local woodland (or park)	Lessons involving fieldwork: <a href="#">Lesson 5: Are our school dinners locally sourced?</a> Location: School grounds	Lessons involving fieldwork: Lesson 6: What features does our local river have? Location: River environment.
Year 5 (UKS2)	<u>What is life like in the Alps?</u>	<u>Why do oceans matter?</u>	<u>Would you like to live in the desert?</u> - Coming soon!
	Lessons involving fieldwork: <a href="#">Lesson 4: What is there to do in our local area?</a> Location: Local area – focus on recreational land use (tourism)	Lessons involving fieldwork: <a href="#">Lesson 5: How littered is our marine environment?: Data collection</a> Location: Marine environment (beach, river, reservoir, lake or pond)	
Year 6 (UKS2)	<u>Why does population change?</u>	<u>Where does our energy come from?</u>	<u>How could we make our local area more environmentally friendly?</u> - Coming soon!
	Lessons involving fieldwork: <a href="#">Lesson 5: How is population impacting our local environment?: Data collection</a> Location: Urban area (e.g. town centre)	Lessons involving fieldwork: <a href="#">Lesson 6: Where is the best place for a solar panel on the school grounds?</a> Location: School grounds	