Colney Heath School

Geography Concepts: Enquiry and Investigation Skill Progression.

Enquiry and Investigation:

Ways that features, places and services are connected and interdependent; what influences these connections and their effects.

Ways in which, and reasons why, the natural Earth and people interact and affect themselves and each other through decision-making, management, exploitation and care quality; ways to approach sustainability for the future.

Year	EYFS	Features of learning		
Group	National Curriculum			
	Statement			
Early Years Foundation Stage	Describe their immediate environment Comparisons of life in this country and other countries – using maps where appropriate Comparing and contrasting environments	Comment and ask questions about aspects of their familiar world such as the place where they live or the natural world. Show care and concern for living things and the environment		
Year 1		Ask and answer simple geographical questions.		
	Locational knowledge name and locate the world's 7 continents and 5 oceans	Describe some similarities and differences when studying places and features e.g. hot and cold places of the world.		
Year 2	name, locate and identify characteristics of the 4 countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas	Ask and answer simple geographical questions when investigating different places and environments.		
	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	Describe similarities, differences and patterns e.g. comparing their lives with those of children in other places and environments.		
		Ask and answer more searching geographical		
Year 3		questions when investigating different places		
	Locational knowledge	and environments.		
Year 4	locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on Europe (including the location of Russia) and North and South America, concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical	Identify similarities, differences and patterns when comparing places and features Ask and respond to more searching		
	and human characteristics, countries, and major citiesname and locate counties and cities of	geographical questions including 'how?' and 'why?'		
Year 5	the United Kingdom, geographical regions and their identifying human and physical characteristics, key topographical features (including hills, mountains, coasts and rivers), and land-use patterns; and understand how some of these aspects have changed over time • identify the position and significance of latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern	Identify and describe similarities, differences and patterns when investigating different places, environments and people. Ask and respond to questions that are more		
rear 5		causal e.g. Why is that happening in that place? Could it happen here? Recognise geographical issues affecting people in		
		different places and environments.		

Year	6	

Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic Circle, the Prime/Greenwich Meridian and time zones (including day and night) Ask and respond to questions that are more causal e.g. What happened in the past to cause that? How is it likely to change in the future?

Place knowledge

 understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom, a region in a European country, and a region in North or South America Make predictions and test simple hypotheses about people, places and geographical issues