



Geography at Maple in Year 1 and Year 2

Key stage 1 Pupils should develop knowledge about the world, the United Kingdom and their locality. They should understand basic subject-specific vocabulary relating to human and physical geography and begin to use geographical skills, including first-hand observation, to enhance their locational awareness.

Pupils will be taught:

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

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

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

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.

In Year 2 we learn about:

- Seasonal and daily weather patterns in the UK.
 - Hot and cold areas climates and places.
- Physical and human features including beach, coast, town, city and rainforest.
- Using world maps, atlases, globes, aerial photographs and simple compass directions.
 - Locating 7 continents and 5 oceans on a map.
- Local walks and field work in the vicinity of the school.
 - Contrasting the UK with non European countries.



Cross-curricular learning: a trip to Kew Gardens supported learning from the Geography and Science areas of the curriculum.



Eco-education: Year 1 find out the distances that familiar foods are transported, from the farms to our tables.

Early Years

At Maple, Geography is taught as part of the UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD curriculum area. Teaching is mostly cross-curricular in nature. The children in early years have been finding out about our local area.



Websites to enjoy at home and aid geographical studies

www.bbc.co.uk/education

www.crickweb.co.uk/links-geography.html

www.atschool.co.uk