

*Nurturing Knowledge:
Learning for Life*



Courtwood Primary School



Geography Curriculum

Geography Overview

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Reception						
Year 1				<p>Our School and its Environment</p> 	<p>UK Weather, the Poles and the Equator</p> 	
Year 2				<p>Manaus (Brazil) and Croydon (UK)</p> 		<p>What a Wonderful World</p> 
Year 3		<p>China</p> 				<p>India</p> 
Year 4		<p>Italy</p> 				<p>UK Comparison (The Lake District & Dover)</p> 
Year 5					<p>Kenya</p> 	<p>The Democratic Republic of Congo</p> 
Year 6				<p>The Galapagos Islands</p> 	<p>London</p> 	

Geography Concepts

The geographical concepts of space, place, scale, environment, interdependence, physical and human processes, environmental impact and sustainable development and cultural awareness and diversity are integral to the development of geographical understanding. They are ideas that can be applied across the subject to identify a question or guide an investigation. They are the key ideas involved in teaching students to think geographically.

Concept	Definition
1. Space	<i>The concept of space is about the significance of location and spatial distribution, and ways people organise and manage the spaces that we live in. Spaces are perceived, structured, organised and managed by people, and can be designed and redesigned to achieve particular purposes.</i>
2. Place	<i>The concept of place is about the significance of places and what they are like. Places are parts of the Earth's surface that are identified and given meaning by people. They may be perceived, experienced, understood and valued differently. They range in size from a part of a room or garden to a major world region. They can be described by their location, shape, boundaries, features and environmental and human characteristics. Some characteristics are tangible, for example, landforms and people, while others are intangible, for example, scenic quality and culture.</i>
3. Scale	<i>The concept of scale is about the way that geographical phenomena and problems can be examined at different spatial levels. Scale refers to the size of something compared with something else. Scale is observational. Geographers use local, national, international and global scales. Geographers require the ability to freely zoom in and zoom out in their scale view.</i>
4. Interdependence	<i>The concept of interdependence emphasises that no object of geographical study can be viewed in isolation. People and organisations in places are interconnected with other places in a variety of ways. This has significant influences on the characteristics of places and on changes in these characteristics. Environmental and human processes, for example, the water cycle, urbanisation or human-induced environmental change, are sets of cause-and-effect interconnections that can operate between and within places.</i>
5. Physical and Human Processes	<i>This concept is about the significance of the environment in human life, and the important interrelationships between humans and the environment. Culture, population density, economy, technology, values and environmental worldviews influence the different ways in which people perceive, adapt to and use similar environments.</i>
6. Environmental Impact and Sustainable Development	<i>The concept of sustainability is about the capacity of the environment to continue to support our lives and the lives of other living creatures into the future. Sustainability encourages the formation of evaluations or judgements about current situations and their potential change into the future. It involves environmental, social, economic and political considerations.</i>
7. Cultural Awareness and Diversity	<i>Cultural geography is how the physical geography is going to impact the humans that live there. Cultural geography compares various cultures and how their lifestyles and customs are affected by their geographical locations, climate, etc., as well as how they interact with their environment.</i>

Geography Curriculum Key Themes

A. Rivers	B. Mountains	C. Volcanoes & Earthquakes	D. Biomes & Vegetation belts	E. Climate & Weather	F. Land Use & Settlement
G. Changes Over Time	H. Environmental Impact	I. Economy	J. Migration	K. Energy	L. Culture & Diversity

Coverage of Concepts and Themes

Reception

Understanding the World (Geography & History focuses)

Autumn 1: What do I know about me?

Past and Present
People, Culture and Communities
 The Natural World

Spring 1: Who can I ask for help?

Past and Present
People, Culture and Communities
 The Natural World

Summer 1: Who are the famous characters in my book? (History focus)

Past and Present
 People, Culture and Communities
 The Natural World

Autumn 2: Why are there so many leaves on the ground? Why is it cold in winter?

Past and Present
 People, Culture and Communities
The Natural World

Spring 2: Are all minibeads scary?

Past and Present
 People, Culture and Communities
The Natural World

Summer 2: Was it once upon a mixed up time? (History focus)

Past and Present
 People, Culture and Communities
 The Natural World

Year 1

Our School and its Environment

Concepts

Space	Place	Scale	Interdependence	Physical and Human Processes	Environmental Impact and Sustainable Development	Cultural Awareness and Diversity
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Themes

Rivers	Mountains	Volcanoes & Earthquakes	Biomes	Climate & Weather	Land Use & Settlement
Changes Over Time	Environmental Impact	Economy	Migration	Energy	Culture & Diversity

UK Weather, The Poles and The Equator

Concepts

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Themes

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Coverage of Concepts and Themes

Year 2

Manaus (Brazil) and Croydon (UK)

Concepts

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Themes

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What a Wonderful World

Concepts

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Themes

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Changes Over Time	Environmental Impact	Economy	Migration	Energy	Culture & Diversity

Year 3

China

Concepts

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Themes

Rivers	Mountains	Volcanoes & Earthquakes	Biomes	Climate & Weather	Land Use & Settlement
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India

Concepts

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Themes

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Year 4						
Italy						
Concepts						
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Themes						
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UK Comparison (The Lake District and Dover)						
Concepts						
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Year 5						
Kenya						
Concepts						
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Themes						
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The Democratic Republic of Congo						
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Coverage of Concepts and Themes

Year 6						
The Galapagos Islands						
Concepts						
Space	Place	Scale	Interdependence	Physical and Human Processes	Environmental Impact and Sustainable Development	Cultural Awareness and Diversity
Themes						
Rivers	Mountains	Volcanoes & Earthquakes	Biomes	Climate & Weather	Land Use & Settlement	
Changes Over Time	Environmental Impact	Economy	Migration	Energy	Culture & Diversity	
London						
Concepts						
Space	Place	Scale	Interdependence	Physical and Human Processes	Environmental Impact and Sustainable Development	Cultural Awareness and Diversity
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Rivers	Mountains	Volcanoes & Earthquakes	Biomes	Climate & Weather	Land Use & Settlement	
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