

Geography curriculum intent

At Nether Green Junior school we believe that every child should feel valued and experience the feeling of success in a wide range of curriculum areas, therefore we provide a curriculum that is inspiring, engaging and relevant for the children whilst promoting opportunities for independent learning. Our vision for Geography is to create a sense of wonder and curiosity about the natural world and places around the world for our pupils. To deliver this vision, we aim to develop pupils' cultural capital by gaining first-hand experience of a range of environments via fieldwork as well as well providing engaging, cross-curricular opportunities in class to challenge pupils of all abilities and backgrounds. We aim to further enrich pupils' learning by drawing on pupils' of diverse breadth of knowledge due to their varying family backgrounds. We aim to develop learners who consider information critically and develop investigative, collaborative and communication skills to consider issues which affect the local area, UK and wider world. We aim to encourage learners to become 'global learners', who consider their place in the world, their responsibility to others, the environment and the sustainability of the planet.

	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Autumn	UK	Comparison of Athens &	Life at different latitudes	Sustainable power – land
		London		use
Spring			Mountains	Rainforests
Summer	Rivers	Local study – land use &	Extreme Earth	
		settlement		



Year group	Prior Knowledge	New Substantive Knowledge	Vocabulary	Challenge	New Disciplinary
			(key vocabulary in bold)		Knowledge (Skills)
Y3 Autumn What is the UK and how do I fit in it?	In KS1: - 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 - name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans - name, locate and identify characteristics of the four	 To be able to find the UK on a map of Europe and the World. To identify other European countries including Russia, Spain, France, Germany, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Greece and Italy (links to future learning). To be able to name and locate capital cities and other large cities in the UK and at least 5 counties in England and 2 in each of the other countries of the UK. To use the 8 points of a compass to describe where counties are in the UK. To know the key topographical features of the UK – including the tallest mountains, the biggest rivers, to understand we are surrounded by coastline. Be able to create a model of a coast, labelling how each feature was formed. 	Country, County, Continent, Ocean, Sea, city, capital city, human features, physical features.features, physical features.Source, similarity, difference WavesCoastline ErosionErosion Deposition Arch Stack Cave Bay Beach Dune Spit Climate change Migrate Immigration Changes DiversityTrade Interconnectedness Import	Using an atlas/internet or other sources of information – conduct some independent research on the countries of the UK e.g. human/physical features, climate, population, language. Use the internet or books to find out how 'weathering' can also contribute to coastal erosion.	Analyse - photos and other geographical sources. <u>Communicate</u> findings to others <u>Evaluate</u> – sources of information to see if they are reliable. <u>Compare and contrast</u> The similarities and differences in physical /human features and traditions in the UK countries. <u>Mapwork skills</u> use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied



	countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas - 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	 To know the effects of coastal erosion on people and businesses To know that there are traditions in the countries of the UK To know what migration is and how it can positively affect a country. To know the UK is interconnected to other countries through trade. 	Export Farming		Use the 8 points of a compass to describe direction.
Y3 Summer What are Sheffield's rivers?	From KS1 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.	 Know what a river is and what it might be used for. Be able to name and locate the key features of a river. To use OS symbols to locate physical and human features on a map. Make and record fieldwork observations about a river Record and summarise findings of fieldwork and draw conclusions Know the uses of our local rivers (including trade links to other cities and 	Water cycle: condensation, precipitation, evaporation, source, mouth of the river, upper course, lower course, middle course, meander, tributary, confluence, flood plain,	Compare the Porter Brook to the River Don – how are they different? How are the physical and human features different (This river is a larger river passing through industrial areas).	Enquiry planning: Fieldwork -Analyse : Fieldwork data Communicate: Communcate findings of fieldwork Evaluate :



	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 Earlier work in Y3: What is the UK and how do I fit in it? (Year 3) – coasts, coastal erosion, physical features of the UK.	distribution of food and natural resources) and how they may have changed over time. - Know and describe and understand the key parts in the water cycle process - Know how humans can have a negative effect on rivers	transportation, deposition. Physical feature Human feature Fieldwork Uses Trade Industry Transport pollution	Make a glossary of the key technical vocabulary for the water cycle. Make detailed observations of the features of rivers. Come up with key questions for the fieldwork enquiry for the class to decide which to investigate. Independnet research to deepen learning e.g. how is the Thames different from the Don?	Fieldwork methods Compare and contrast Don to River Porter in terms of size and uses Identify and select Sources of information about pollution of rivers. Map work skills use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate c and describe features studied Use symbols and key (including the use of Ordnance Survey maps) to build their knowledge of the United Kingdom
Y4 Autumn Geography: Two great cities: Athens and London. How do they compare?	Year 3 - What is the UK – looking at human and physical features. Locating the countries and cities of Europe. Year 3 - focus on physical feature of rivers in Rivers unit.	The name of the continent the UK and Greece is in and locate Greece and the UK on a map. Know the names and locations of some other countries in Europe (especially Russia, Bulgaria, Macedonia, Albania, Turkey, Ukraine, France, Spain, Germany) and some capital cities (of these countries) and some oceans.	Continent Country Capital city Human feature Physical feature Climate Population Trade Food Landscape	Mark on major cities, oceans, mountain ranges, Mount Olympus and any other physical features they notice.	Evaluate : - sources of information (to see if they are reliable. -Identify and select: Information from a range of sources about cities



		Know some of the key differences in physical and human features between Greece and the UK e.g. Greece is more mountainous and has volcanoes Know some of the key differences between Athens and London such as London has a major river and Athens' rivers were covered over with concrete and Athens is near the coast. Identify some similarities between Athens and London. Know What traditional foods, homes, landscape and the government are like in Athens and London. Know What businesses /industry are in Athens and London. Describe what the climate is like in Athens and London. Describe some similarities and differences between Athens and London.	Government Industry/businesses Tourism		Describe, compare and suggest reasons: For differences in way of life in each city – Athens and London. Compare and contrast -compare similarities and differences between Athens, London, Uk and Greece. Mapwork: use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied
Y4 Summer	Year 3 UK unit :To locate the world's countries,	 Locate the county Edale and Sheffield is in and at 	Country County	Create a key: cities, Rivers, mountains,	Interconnectedness : -link between natural
Why do people live where they	using maps to focus on Europe (including the	least 5 other nearby	Physical and human	coasts. Include more detail on their maps.	resources and population growth
live?	location of Russia)	counties.	feature		-To understand why
	concentrating on their	- Know what a physical	mountain, river, coast,	Consider: How might	Edale and Sheffield are
	key physical and human characteristics, countries,	feature is	hills, forests, city, village. population	these places look in 100 years time?	located where they are Enquiry planning:
	and major cities.				fieldwork investigation



	-	Know some symbols used	ordinance survey map,	write a paragraph to	
Y3 UK unit: name and		on OS maps to represent	rural, city, contour lines,	show what bar chart	Evaluate :
locate counties and cities		features.	topography, scale	shows. E.g. which	-sources for reliability
of the United Kingdom,	-	Know how to create a key		businesses are there	-fieldwork methods
geographical regions and		with symbols.	industrial	more of? Why might	neidhein neineas
their identifying human	_	-know how to find some	agricultural	this be?	-Identify and select:
and physical		physical features such as	tourism		Information from a range
characteristics, key		mountains, rivers, lakes,		When creating a multi-	of sources – about land
topographical features		forests on an atlas.	atlas, globe, location,	media map, use a range	use
(including hills,	_	Understand and describe	settlement,	of mapping symbols.	use
mountains, coasts and		what the term land-use	land use	Create and use 2 of their	-Analyse :
rivers),		means	economic activity	own symbols and create	To analyse data from
Tivers),	_	Know how to use OS	trade	their own key.	fieldwork and draw
Y3 Rivers unit: Physical	_	symbols key to interpret an	natural resources	Include a basic scale.	conclusions.
processes – rivers		OS map and identify land-	naturarresources	Describe differences	conclusions.
Y4: Greece – comparing				between two UK	Describe, compare and
human and physical		uses. Know how to interpret OS		locations and suggest	suggest reasons:
features.	-	symbols on a map and		reasons for these.	For change in settlement
leatures.		photo sources to say what		reasons for these.	size/land use over time.
		a place is/was like.		Challenge, What other	size/land use over time.
		-know how land use has		Challenge: What other natural resources could	Commons and contract
	-				Compare and contrast
		changed from the 1890s to		you add onto your map	-compare similarities and
Y3 Stoneage: understand		now in Nether Green, Edale		to make your settlement	differences between
geographical similarities		and Sheffield.		develop into a city?	Edale, Nether Green and
and differences through	-	Know What fieldwork is			Sheffield.
the study of human and		and some different ways to			
physical geography of a		collect data.		Critically analyse the	Mapwork skills:
region of the United	-	Know how to record data		results of fieldwork. E.g.	
Kingdom		in a tally chart.		which businesses are	use maps, atlases, globes
	-	Know how to analyse the		there more of? Why	and digital/computer
		data and draw conclusions		might this be?	mapping to locate
	-	-Know how to compare this			countries and describe
		to the data from Edale.			features studied



		 Know what the main businesses/physical/human features in each location. Describe the similarities and differences between Sheffield/Nether Green and Edale. Know what a settlement is Know what some different types of settlement are Know which features are common features of settlements. 			While on the Edale fieldtrip: To use the 8 points of a compass, symbols and key (including the use of Ordnance Survey maps) to build their knowledge of the United Kingdom and the wider world Fieldwork skills While on the Edale fieldtrip: use fieldwork to observe, measure, record and present the human and physical features in the local area using a range of methods, including sketch maps, plans and graphs
Y5 Autumn term What is it like to live at different latitudes?	KS1 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	Know how to use lines of latitude and longitude to locate a place Know that the line of longitude's position determines the time zone and to use a map of time zones to locate a time zone in a specified location. Know the 8 points of a compass and how they relate to latitude and longitude. Know why lines of latitude and longitude are useful/significant	Latitude Longitude Equator Hemisphere Prime Meridian Time Zone Climate Compass points Arctic Circle Antarctic Circle Climate zone Land use Lifestyle	Go further and give the coordinates of specific places using longitude and latitude. Write a more detailed explanation of the significance of latitude and longitude They could go further and find places at other latitudes to draw lines graphs for e.g. Antarctica, a place on the	<u>Analyse</u> (sources) <u>Interpret and</u> <u>communicate findings</u> <u>from a range of sources</u> <u>Compare</u> (identify similarity/difference) <u>Mapwork skills</u>



	In Year 4 – Study of Athens vs London 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. Year 4: Understanding the climate in Athens vs London and how this relates to the location in the world.	Describe how the latitude of a place will affect its climate and daylight hours. Know that the length of the day/night/how much sunlight a place gets varies according to its latitude for example that Tromso has hardly any sunlight for 6 months and then 6 months of almost constant sunlight. Describe how the latitude in Tromso and Sheffield causes climate and daylight difference which causes some differences in lifestyle and activities but there are still some similarities. Describe how various aspects such as climate, activities, food, trade, transport, jobs can vary depending on the latitude at which you live.	Similarity Difference	Equator such as Equador or Democratic Republic of Congo Give the children additional graphs and tables to interpret to help them to write their similarities and differences To independently research 3 places in different locations to compare them from a list given to them but they can choose the locations.	use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied use the eight points of a compass, to build their knowledge of the United Kingdom and the wider world
Y5 Spring What are mountains and what are they like?	Year 3 UK unit: To name and locate counties and cities of the United Kingdom, geographical regions and their identifying human and physical characteristics, key topographical features (including hills, mountains, coasts and rivers). Year 3 Rivers unit: Understand key aspects of physical geography: rivers, water cycle.	 Know what some of the key physical features of mountain are. Know that there are different types of mountains Describe at least three types of mountains and how they were formed. Describe the main features of mountains Know that there are different climate environments around the world. 	physical and human features, mountain, hill, contour line, topography, fault line, tectonic plate.base, summit, snowline, valley, slope, face plateau, outcrop, ridge.Glaciers, ice, snow.Climate Weather Crevace Avalanche Altitude		Identify and select: -information about mountain types and lifestyles from sources Describe, compare and suggest reasons: Different lifestyles in different environments. Compare and contrast Different mountain envionments. Analyse



	Year 4 Edale/Sheffield unit: To understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom, (Edale vs Sheffield)	 Describe what the mountainous climate is like. Know mountain hazards as a result of the climate. Know the human features of mountains: the types of jobs, trade, travel, natural resources, food. Know what climate change is and how it can affect the mountain environment. Know how human activity affects the mountain environment. 	job, trade, travel, natural resources, energy, Climate change		Information sources for reliability and trustworthiness <u>Mapwork skills</u> Locating mountains in the UK and around the world.
Y5 Summer Where in the world is most extreme?	From KS1: 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 Fieldwork – taking measurements and sketches (Y3 Rivers/Y4 Edale) -Year 3 Rivers – water cycle.	 -Know the difference between weather and climate -Know how to plan and carry out a fieldwork enquiry. - Know where some of the hottest, coldest, rainiest, driest places in the world are. -Identify the different climate zones and major lines of latitude -Know the key climate features of each climate zone. - Describe how earthquakes are formed -Be able to mark the location of earthquakes on a world map and note their location near tectonic plate boundaries. - Know and label the key parts of a volcano. - Describe how volcanoes are formed. -Know the effects of volcanic eruptions on a place 	climate, weather, temperature, atmosphere, weather pattern, hot, humid, dry, cold, wet, windy, snowy, rainy, sunny Fieldwork Enquiry climate zone, arid, temperate, polar, tropical, mediteranean, mountainous, Tropic of Cancer, Tropic of Capricorn, Equator, Arctic/Antarctic Circle.	Take a lead in designing the fieldwork task. Design their own table to collect fieldwork evidence. Critically evaluate the fieldwork to consider improvements. Give detailed explanations of the reasons for and consequences of the water cycle.	Interconnectedness -Link between physical processes and place. Enquiry planning: Fieldwork. Evaluate : Sources of information. Fieldwork methods Identify and select: Information from a range of sources -Analyse : Date from fieldwork Compare and contrast



	-Year 4 climate zones as part of Greece project – Mediterranean vs	-Describe the key processes in the water cycle - Understand human behaviours contributing to climate change and	earthquake, tectonic plate, richter scale	Children to use a scale to show how likely they think it is that they will	-different volcanic eruptions
	Temperate UK climate.	drought.	volcano, core, mantle,	be affected by a major	Mapwork skills
	-Year 5 latitudes and	-To be able to present, interpret and	crust, mountain,	earthquake, using an	use maps, atlases, globes
	longitudes work – focus	summarise fieldwork findings.	magma, lava, magma	atlas or the internet to	and digital/computer
	on climate zones.		chamber, vent, conduit,	find each location.	mapping to locate
	-Year 5 Mountains –		crater, ash cloud		countries and describe
	climate in mountain			Independent research	features studied
	environment.		eruption, lava flow.	and presenting	
				information about	
			water cycle,	specific volcanic	Fieldwork skills
			evaporation,	eruptions.	While completing a local
			condensation,		weather survey: use
			precipitation,		fieldwork to observe,
			accumulation.	Children to consider the	measure, record and
				reasons for changes in	present findings using
			drought, climate change	physical and human	graphs and tables
				features.	
			field work, analyse,		
			present, evaluate.	Independent research	
				on causes of flooding.	
				Additional challenge:	
				find out how climate	
				change can contribute	
				to more hurricanes,	
				tornados and other	
				natural disasters.	
Y6 Autumn	Year 3 – What is the UK -	-Know there are different sources of	Energy	Children to create their	Enquiry planning:
How Should We	land use for farming and	energy: renewable and non-renewable	Renewable	own map symbols and	Fieldwork
Power Our	the importing of food in	- Know where energy is produced in the UK	Non-renewable Fossil fuel	key.	
World?	the UK. Discussion of	and why those locations are suitable			<u>Evaluate :</u>



pollution of rivers in Rivers unit. Year 4 - Why do people live where they live? – land use in rural and city locations for farming/shops and businesses. Year 5 – discussion of climate change as part of Mountains project, Extreme Earth project.	 Describe how to plan a fieldwork investigation and collect data To be able to analyse findings and draw conclusions from fieldwork. To identify ordnance survey map symbols and know why they are used. To identify locations using 4 and 6 figure grid references To consider the type of landscape needed for a solar farm and decide a good location. Know what climate change is and that it is caused by human activity. Describe how climate change can have great effects on the world, and affects different areas of the world in different ways. 	Fieldwork Observe Record Physical feature Human feature Graph Analyse Conclude Evaluate Climate change Global warming Social impact Economic impact Environmental impact Ordnance survey map Symbol Key Grid reference	Children to take a lead in organising the fieldwork and coming up with the Key questions to answer and suggesting ways to answer the questions. To decide how to represent their findings and draw conclusions from fieldwork in detail.	 sources of information to see if they are reliable. Fieldwork methods -Identify and select: Information from a range of sources -about the pros and cons of renewable/non- renewable energy sources. -Analyse : Fieldwork data Describe, compare and suggest reasons: For the location of different energy sources. Compare and contrast Different locations for suitability for different energy sources.
				<u>Compare and contrast</u> Different locations for suitability for different
				To use fieldwork to observe, measure record and present the human and physical features in the local area using a range of methods, including sketch maps,



					plans and graphs, and digital technologies Mapwork skills use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate and describe features studied use the eight points of a compass, four and six- figure grid references, symbols and key (including the use of Ordnance Survey maps) to build their knowledge of the United Kingdom and the wider world
Y6 Spring	Year 5 latitude project	Give a basic definition of what a	Biome	To critically debate the	Analyse
Why do we	and extreme earth:	rainforest is	Savannah	effect of deforestation	Sources of information
need	climate zones and		Tundra	on people/land and	for reliability
rainforests?	latitudes	To know that there are at least 6	Desert	argue a point with	
	-Year 6 How do we power our world – focus	types of biome in the world	Rainforest	evidence.	Communicate findings- From research
	on organisation of power	To describe the characteristics of	Forest/woodland Grassland	To explain in detail the	From research
	networks/how we are	each biome in terms of climate,	Grassiana	effect of the location of	Identify and select:
	damaging the	landscape and plants/animals	Vegetation belt	the Rainforest in the	Information from a range
	environment.		Landscape	world on its climate and	of sources
		To create a multilayer map	Equator	explain how this can	
		showing continents, oceans, biomes	Arctic Circle	affect the flora and	<u>Mapwork skills</u>
		and the location of tropical	Antarctic Circle	fauna found there.	use maps, atlases, globes
		rainforests.	Tropic of Capricorn		and digital/computer



	Locating world's		Tropic of Cancer	mapping to locate
	countries – in Y3 UK unit,		Country	countries and describe
	Y4 Greece unit.	To know the location of biomes	Natural resource	features studied
		around the world	Land use	
			Settlement	
		To describe the locations of major	River	
	Year 4 Edale - land use	rainforests around the world.	Tributary	
	and natural resources.		Trade	
		To know the location of the	Transport	
		Equator, Arctic/Antarctic Circle,	Farming	
		Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn in	Fair Trade	
		the world.		
		To name some countries with each		
		biome type		
		To be able to some and be at a		
		To be able to name and locate at		
		least 5 countries in South America.		
		To understand that the Amazon		
		river is used to transport natural		
		resources for trade, for transport		
		and for the use of people who have		
		settled there.		
		To describe the meaning of the term		
		deforestation.		
		To describe the reasons for and against an		
		issue (deforestation)		
		To Know that farming some natural		
		resources can have positive and negative effects on people and the environment.		
L		checks on people and the environment.		



	Know what fair trade is and how it can have a positive effect.		