

Y1 Geography Curriculum
Medium Term Plan

Year 1				
Topic		Lesson Focus	Key Knowledge	Vocabulary
Autumn Local Geography - School	1	Name the 4 seasons and their differences	Know the order Spring, Summer, Autumn, Winter Know what season we are currently in Know what happens to a tree during the 4 seasons	Seasons, Autumn, winter, spring, summer.
	2	Describe different types of weather and link to the seasons	Know what the different types of weather are Sort it to likelihood of seeing in each season Look at how weather and seasons affect human and animal behaviour	Weather, seasons, human, animal, behaviour.
	3	Use directional language	Use language – forward, backward, right, left, turn Know that directional language helps us describe a route or journey	Direction forward, backward, right, left, turn.
	4	Know physical and human features of school environment	Know physical features are natural such as trees, hills, beach Know human features are made by humans such as buildings, bridges, roads	Physical feature trees, hills, beach. Human features buildings, bridges and roads.
	5	Use aerial photos and maps	Understand that a birds eye view is the view from above. Know maps and aerial photos give us information about routes and features of a place	Map bird's eye view Aerial photo
	6	Draw plans and maps on familiar environment	Apply the knowledge learned to make maps Use directional language Apply human and physical features	Maps Directional language Human and physical features.
Summer UK	1	Identify and locate the UK on a world map and globe	Know that the UK is an island so it is surrounded by water.	Locate Island Water
	2	Locate the 4 countries of the UK on a map	Know that The United Kingdom is a union of four countries; union means joined together. Know that the four countries in the United Kingdom: England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales	Locate Map England Scotland Wales, Northern Ireland

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	3	Identify the capital cities of the UK	Know that the capital of England is London, Scotlan is Edinburgh, Wales is Cardiff and Northern Ireland is Belfast.	Locate, capital city, London, Edinburgh, Cardiff, Belfast
	4	Understand the difference between a town, city and the countryside.	Know that a city is a place which contains lots of people and buildings – there will be a hospital, shops and offices. Know that a town has lots of people and buildings but is not as big as a city. Know that the countryside is the area outside a town or city.	Town and city urban Countryside rural
	5	Name the human and physical characteristics of the four countries and capital cities	Know that human features are man made. For example: City, town, village, factory, farm, house, office, port, harbour, shop, hospital Know that physical features are created by nature. For example: Beach, cliff, coast, forest, hill, mountain, sea, ocean, river, soil, valley, vegetation, season and weather.	Human features Physical features Man-made Nature
	6	Devise a simple map and construct basic symbols in key.	Know how to label a map to identify human and physical features Know that a map will be an aerial view (from above) Know that the basic symbols represent each feature	Map Key Symbol Aerial

*ongoing skill throughout year