Geography Progression of Skills



Geography Curriculum	
Intent	

At South Avenue, we believe that through the teaching and learning of geography we aim for children to develop a curiosity and an understanding of the world we live in including its people and their place within it. Geography helps to provoke questions and provide answers about the natural and human aspects of the world. Children are encouraged to develop a greater understanding and knowledge of the world, as well as their place in it. The geography curriculum at South Avenue primary school, enables children to develop knowledge and skills that are transferrable to other curriculum areas. We seek to inspire children a curiosity and fascination about the world and its people which will remain with them for the rest of their lives; to promote the children's interest and understanding of diverse places, people resources and natural and human environments. The geography curriculum is designed to develop knowledge and skills that are progressive, as well as transferable, throughout their time at South Avenue Primary School and also to their further education and beyond.

Geographical Enquiry

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EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6				
Know that there	Follow teacher led	Children	Begin to ask and	Ask and respond						
are different	enquiries to ask and	encouraged to	initiate	to questions and	Begin to suggest	Suggest questions				
countries in the	respond to simple	ask simple	geographical	offer their own	questions for	for investigating				
world.	closed questioning	geographical	questions	ideas related to	investigating	related to their				
	comparing aspects	questions;	related to their	their topics.	related to their topics	topics				
Draw upon own	of the UK to another	Where is it?	topics.		Торісз	Use primary and				
experiences and	country (Japan)	What's it like?		Extend to	Begin to use	secondary sources				
photos to	e.g. education		Use non-fiction	satellite images,	primary and	of evidence in				
discuss		Use non-fiction	books, stories,	aerial	secondary sources of	their investigations into				
similarities and	Children are	books, stories,	atlases, pictures,	photographs	evidence in their	climate change				
differences	encouraged to use	maps, pictures,	photos and the	and Google	investigations	- Similar Similar Grange				
between	non-fiction	photos and the	Internet as	Earth.		Investigate				
countries.	texts/pictures as	Internet as	sources of			human/physical				
	sources of	sources of	information to	Investigate		land use with more emphasis on the				
Know some	information to	information to	explore	human/physical		larger scale;				
similarities and	enrich their	Compare	similarities and	themes and land		contrasting and				
differences	knowledge of topics.		differences,	use at more		distant places e.g.				
between the		Make	comparing the	than one scale.		pollution around				
natural world		observations	human/physical			the world				



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	around them. Identify and recognise contrasting environments, drawing upon their experiences and what has been read/shown in class.	Investigate their surrounding environment and how land use has changed from the physical geography of trees and fields to the urban geography of roads and housing. Make observations about where things are e.g. where South Avenue School is, it's ground to key geographical features or Sittingbourne.	about why things happen. Why has the land use changed? Make simple comparisons between features of an area in the UK and an area outside the UK. For example London and Jamaica.	geography of a familiar city with one that is contrasting. Begin to collect and record evidence with some support. Analyse evidence and begin to draw conclusions for example make comparisons between two locations.	Collect and record evidence Analyse evidence and draw conclusions.	Begin to investigate human/physical land use with more emphasis on the larger scale; contrasting and distant places e.g. UK with Australia Collect and record evidence unaided e.g. mountain height Analyse evidence and draw conclusions. Compare geographical maps of varying scales and the temperature of various mountain regions	Collect and record evidence unaided e.g. carbon emissions from countries Analyse evidence and draw conclusions e.g. from field work data (residential visit) on land use comparing land use/temperature, look at patterns and explain reasons behind it
Direction/location skills	Uses spatial language, including following and giving directions and using relative terms.	Follow directions; up, down, left/right, near/far, forwards/backwards. Use directional and locational language	Follow directions (as year 1 and include NSEW) and describe the location of features and	Use 4 compass points to follow and give directions. Use letter or number co-	Use 4 compass points to follow and give directions. Use letter and number co-	Use 8 compass points; Begin to use 4 figure co-ordinates to locate features on a map	Use 8 compass points confidently and accurately; Use 4 figure coordinates confidently to locate features on a map



Describing v	vhat to find and	routes on a	ordinates to	ordinates to		
they can see	familiarise	map.	locate key	locate key		Begin to use 6 figure
from differe	ent themselves with		features and	features and		grid refs; use latitude and longitude
view-points	. features on a simple		places on a map.	places on a map.		on atlas maps.
	map.					on arras maps.
			Use 4 compass	Use 4 compass		
			points well and	points		
			begin to use 8	confidently and		
			compass points.	consolidate		
				using 8 compass		
			Use letter and	points.		
			number co-			
			ordinates to	Use letter and		
			locate features	number co-		
			on a map	ordinates to		
			confidently.	locate features		
			,	on a map		
				confidently.		
Map Skills May enjoy	Draw picture maps	Draw a map of	Begin learning to	Make a map of a	Begin to draw a	Draw a variety of
creating sim	-	a real or	make a map of	short route	variety of thematic	thematic maps based
maps of fan	niliar from stories and a	imaginary	an area studied	experienced,	maps based on their	on their own data.
and imagina	ative can create a simple	place, for	(for example of	with features in	own data e.g. temperature	Begin to draw maps
environmer		example add	Orkney).	correct order.	romporararo	and plans of
occasionally	classroom.	detail to a			Begin to visualise	increasing complexity
using famili	ar	sketch map.	Begin to	Make a simple	height by using	
landmarks.	Use own symbols		understand why	scale drawing.	contour lines in maps and scale drawings	Draw a sketch map
	creating imaginary	Begin to	a universal key is		and scale arawings	using symbols,
Draw	treasure maps.	understand the	needed.	Know the need	Draw a sketch map	contour lines and a key
information	· ·	need for a key		for a key and	using basic symbols,	ney
from a simp	le Use a simple picture	and use class		begin to	contour lines and a	
map. E.g.	map to move around			recognise and	key	



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lad	dybird's map	South Avenue School	agreed	Introduce the	use common		Confidently
ar	round the farm	and recognise	symbols.	use of standard	symbols on an	Use and recognise	use/recognise OS
fro	om 'What the	familiar features.		symbols.	OS map and in	common OS map symbols	map symbols
La	adybird Heard'		Follow a route		an atlas.	Symbols	
	-	Recognise the map	on a map. Use a	Locate places on		Compare maps with	Follow a short route on an OS map (during
		represents the	plan view such	larger scale	Locate places on	pictures/aerial	residential trip).
Lo	ook closely at	school and key	as Google	maps e.g. focus	large scale maps	photographs.	residential irip).
	milarities,	features.	Earth.	on Africa's	and follow a	, , ,	Describe features
	ifferences,			physical and	route on a large	Select a map for a	shown on OS map.
	atterns and	Draw around objects	Use an infant	human	scale map.	specific purpose.	
·	nange in	to make a plan	atlas to locate	characteristics.		(e.g. Pick an atlas to find Mt Snowden,	Independently locate places on a world map
	ature. Notice	φ	places including		Draw a sketch	OS map to find local	places on a world map
	nanges in their	Children begin to use	capital cities of	Follow a route	map from a high	village.)	Use atlases to find
	miliar	relative vocabulary	the UK and the	on a map with	view point.		out about other
	nvironment	e.g. bigger/smaller	surrounding	some accuracy.	view points	Begin to use atlases	features of places.
	nd use	c.g. bigger/sirialici	seas.	Some accuracy.	Begin to match	to find out about	(e.g. mountain
	ocabulary to	Discuss the size of	seas.	Identify the	boundaries.	other features of places. (e.g. find	regions, weather patterns, population
	escribe their	countries and make	Look down on	position and	bouridaries.	wettest part of the	density)
	bservations.	comparisons. E.g.	objects to make	significance of	Use large and	world)	
OL OL	uservations.	the UK in relation to	a plan view	various	medium scale	·	Draw a plan view map
I/ m			•			Draw a plan view map	accurately
	nows milarities and	Australia	map.	zones/lines.	OS maps, junior	with some accuracy	,
		Usa alatuma mana	Daniata	Danis ka duas s	atlases and		Use a scale to
	ifferences in	Use picture maps	Begin to	Begin to draw a	internet	Measure straight	measure and judge
	elation to	and globes	spatially match	sketch map from	mapping sites.	line distances on a plan and begin to use	distances.
	laces, objects,		places.	a high view		scales in an atlas	Draw/use maps and
	naterials and	Learn names of		point.	Identify features	Scares in an arras	plans at a range of
liv	ving things.	some places	Distinguish		on aerial	Find/recognise	scales to draw river
		within/around the	between land	Begin to match	photographs.	places on maps of	courses and illustrate
	egin to notice	UK e.g.	and sea on a	boundaries.		different scales.	the journey of a river
	milarities and	Sittingbourne,	globe.		Begin to identify	(e.g. Mount Everest)	
dit	ifferences	London and nearby			significant		



	een some	countries e.g. Wales,	Use teacher	Use large scale	places and	Use index pages	Use OS maps and
aspec	cts of life	France.	drawn base	OS maps.	environments.	within atlases to find and locate	Internet mapping
between	een this		maps.			mountains, rivers and	confidently
count	try and			Begin to use		cities	Comfortably use an
other	countries.		Use large-scale	map sites on			atlas including
Draw	ing this		OS maps. Use	internet and		Use medium scale	index/contents
	ledge from		an infant atlas	Google Earth.		OS maps and	
	es, non-		to find the	0008.0 20		Internet mapping	Recognise the world
	n texts and		Equator and	Begin to use			map as a flattened
			•			Understand contour	globe
Simpl	e maps.		North/South	junior atlases.		lines in relation to	Cantidanth, idantif.
			poles.	Begin to name		height and land use	Confidently identify topographical
Draw				and locate		Identify significant	features, significant
	mation		Locate and	counties and		places and	places and
from	a simple		name on a UK	cities of the UK.		environments e.g.	environments
map			map major			mountain regions and	throughout the world
			features			mountains, Australia	
						and its territories/	Confidently use
						cities	Internet mapping
						Has Turksonsk	sites
						Use Internet	Independently
						mapping sites	research various
						Use the Internet to	aspects of the topic
						independently	and locate places and
						research various	significant landmarks
						aspects of the topic	using a variety of
						and locate places and	web-sites
						significant	
						landmarks	Independently
						The Air Control	identify features
						Identify features	using aerial pictures/ web-sites including
						using aerial pictures/ web-sites	Google Earth
						including Google	Google Lui III
						Earth	
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