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	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Autumn	Stone Age to Iron Age	Romans, Vikings and Anglo-Saxons	Ancient Egyptians and Ancient Maya	WW2 and Local History
Spring		I	L	
Summer	UK, rivers, mountains, pollution	UK and comparison with a European country	South America Rainforests	The World Natural Disasters

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Purpose of Study

A high-quality geography education should inspire in pupils a curiosity and fascination about the world and its people that will remain with them for the rest of their lives. Teaching should equip pupils with knowledge about diverse places, people, resources and natural and human environments, together with a deep understanding of the Earth's key physical and human processes. As pupils progress, their growing knowledge about the world should help them to deepen their understanding of the interaction between physical and human processes, and of the formation and use of landscapes and environments. Geographical knowledge, understanding and skills provide the frameworks and approaches that explain how the Earth's features at different scales are shaped, interconnected and change over time.

Subject Content

Locational knowledge

locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on Europe (including the location of Russia) and North and South America, concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries, and major cities 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), and land-use patterns; and understand how some of these aspects have changed over time identify the position and significance of latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic Circle, the Prime/Greenwich Meridian and time zones (including day and night)

Place knowledge

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, and a region within North or South America

Human and physical geography

describe and understand key aspects of:

- physical geography, including: climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts, rivers, mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes, and the water cycle
- human geography, including: types of settlement and land use, economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water

Geographical skills and fieldwork

- use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries 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
- 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

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Autumn	Settlements Why people changed from hunter-gatherers to farmers. Why people settled in specific places.	Settlements Investigating Roman and Viking place names. Considering geographical reasons for the Vikings to come to Britain.	Map work Establishing key locations using maps. Identifying human geography.	
Spring/				
Summer	UK, rivers, mountains, pollution Countries and counties of the UK. Rivers and mountains of the UK and around the world. Study of pollution and how we can work to reduce it. Fieldwork.	UK and comparison with a European country Countries and counties of the UK. Countries of Europe, including capital cities. Comparison of human and physical features between the UK and a European country. Fieldwork.	 South America Rainforests Countries of South America. Study of the rainforest in South America. Comparison of human and physical features between the UK and a South American country. Environmental regions. Environmental issues. Fieldwork. 	The World Natural Disasters Volcanoes Earthquakes and tsunamis Extreme Weather (including drought, hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding etc) Global Warming.

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