



Progression of Skills Geography



Big idea	Aspect	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Humankind	Human features and landmarks	AOL: World Name and talk about man-made features in the local environment, including shops, houses, streets and parks.	Name and describe the purpose of human features and landmarks. Bright Light , Big city	Use geographical vocabulary to describe how and why people use a range of human features. Towers Tunnels and Turrets Coastline Street Detectives	Describe the type, purpose and use of different buildings, monuments, services and land, and identify reasons for their location.	Describe a range of human features and their location and explain how they are interconnected. I am warrior Road Trip USA	Describe and explain the location, purpose and use of transport networks across the UK and other parts of the world. Sow, Grow and Farm	Explain how humans function in the place they live. Frozen Kingdoms Hola Mexico
	Settlements and land use	AOL: World Describe a contrasting environment to their own.	Identify the characteristics of a settlement. Rio De Vida Bright Light , Big city	Describe the size, location and function of a local industry. Coastline	Describe the type and characteristics of settlement or land use in an area or region. Urban Pioneers	Explain ways that settlements, land use or water systems are used in the UK and other parts of the world. Misty Mountains Winding River	Describe in detail the different types of agricultural land use in the UK. Sow, Grow and Farm	Describe the distribution of natural resources in an area or country. Frozen Kingdoms
Processes	Climate and weather	AOL: World Record observations about the way the local environment changes throughout each season.	Identify patterns in daily and seasonal weather. Bright Light , Big city	Describe simple weather patterns of hot and cold places.	Explain how the weather affects the use of urban and rural environments.	Explain climatic variations of a country or continent.	Explain how the climate affects land use. Sow, Grow and Farm	Evaluate the extent to which climate and extreme weather affect how people live.
	Physical processes	AOL: World Describe how different types of weather affect the local environment.	Describe in simple terms how a physical process or human behaviour has affected an area, place or human activity.	Describe, in simple terms, the effects of erosion. Coastline	Explain the physical processes that cause earthquakes and volcanic eruptions. Rocks, Relics and Rumbles	Use specific geographical vocabulary and diagrams to explain the water cycle. Misty Mountains Winding River	Describe how soil fertility, drainage and climate affect agricultural land use. Sow, Grow and Farm	Describe the physical processes, including weather, that affect two different locations.
Investigation	Geographical resources	AOL: World Use photographs and maps to identify and describe human and physical features from their locality.	Identify features and landmarks on an aerial photograph or plan perspective. Bright Light , Big city	Study aerial photographs to describe the features and characteristics of an area of land. Street Detectives	Analyse maps, atlases and globes, including digital mapping, to locate countries and describe features studied. Predator Urban Pioneers Tribal Tales Gods & Mortals	Study and draw conclusions about places and geographical features using a range of geographical resources, including maps, atlases, globes and digital mapping. I am warrior Road Trip USA Misty Mountains , Winding River Blue Abyss Invasion	Analyse and compare a place, or places, using aerial photographs, atlases and maps. Pharaohs Stargazers Off With her head	Use satellite imaging and maps of different scales to find out geographical information about a place.
	Data analysis	AOL: World Begin to collect simple geographical data during fieldwork activities.	Collect simple data during fieldwork activities.	Collect and organise simple data in charts and tables from primary sources (fieldwork and observation) and secondary sources (maps and books). Coastline Street Detectives	Analyse primary data, identifying any patterns observed. Urban Pioneers Tribal Tales	Collect and analyse primary and secondary data, identifying and analysing patterns and suggesting reasons for them. Misty Mountains Winding River	Summarise geographical data to draw conclusions.	Analyse and present increasingly complex data, comparing data from different sources and suggesting why data may vary.
	Fieldwork	AOL: World Take photographs, draw simple picture maps and collect simple data during fieldwork activities.	Carry out fieldwork tasks to identify characteristics of the school grounds or locality. Bright Light , Big city	Ask and answer simple geographical questions through observation or simple data collection during fieldwork activities. Coastline Street Detectives	Gather evidence to answer a geographical question or enquiry. Tribal Tales	Investigate a geographical hypothesis using a range of fieldwork techniques. Blue Abyss	Construct or carry out a geographical enquiry by gathering and analysing a range of sources. Sow, Grow and Farm	Ask and answer geographical questions and hypotheses using a range of fieldwork and research techniques. Darwin's Delights Frozen Kingdoms
Materials	Natural and man-made materials	AOL: World Name some natural and man-made materials in the environment.	Identify natural and man-made materials in the environment.	Describe the properties of natural and man-made materials and where they are found in the environment.	Name and describe the types, appearance and properties of rocks. Rocks, Relics and Rumbles	Describe and explain the transportation of materials by rivers. Misty Mountains Winding River Describe the properties of different types of soil. Misty Mountains Winding River	Explain how the topography and soil type affect the location of different agricultural regions.	Explain how the presence of ice makes the polar oceans different to other oceans on Earth. Frozen Kingdoms
Nature	Physical features	AOL: World Name some common physical features in the locality and beyond.	Use basic geographical vocabulary to identify and describe physical features, such as beach, cliff, coast, forest, hill, mountain, sea, ocean, river, soil, valley and vegetation. Bright Light , Big city	Describe the size, location and position of a physical feature, such as beach, cliff, coast, forest, hill, mountain, sea, ocean, river, soil, valley and vegetation. Coastline	Describe the parts of a volcano or earthquake. Rocks, Relics and Rumbles Name and describe properties of the Earth's four layers. Rocks, Relics and Rumbles	Identify, describe and explain the formation of different mountain types. Misty Mountains Winding River	Identify and describe some key physical features and environmental regions of North and South America and explain how these, along with the climate zones and soil types, can affect land use. Sow, Grow and Farm	Compare and describe physical features of polar landscapes. Frozen Kingdoms
	Environment	AOL: World Describe ways to look after the immediate environment.	Describe how pollution and litter affect the local environment and school grounds.	Describe ways to improve the local environment. Street Detectives	Identify the five major climate zones on Earth.	Describe altitudinal zonation on mountains. Misty Mountains Winding River	Name and locate the world's biomes, climate zones and vegetation belts and explain their common characteristics. Sow, Grow and Farm	Explain how climate change affects climate zones and biomes across the world. Frozen Kingdoms
	Sustainability		Describe ways to protect natural environments, such as woodlands, hedgerows and meadows.	Describe how human behaviour can be beneficial to local and global environments, now and in the longer term.	Describe the meaning of the term 'carbon footprint' and explain some of the ways this can be reduced to protect the environment.	Describe how natural resources can be harnessed to create sustainable energy.	Identify and explain ways that people can improve the production of products without compromising the needs of future generations.	Explain the significance of human-environment relationships and how natural resource management can protect natural resources to support life on Earth.
Place and space	World	AOL: World Begin to notice and talk about the different places around the world, including oceans and seas.	Name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans on a world map. Paws , Claws , Whiskers Dinosaur Planet	Name and locate seas surrounding the UK, as well as seas, the five oceans and seven continents around the world on a world map or globe. Coastline	Locate countries and major cities in Europe (including Russia) on a world map.	Locate the countries and major cities of North, Central and South America on a world map, atlas or globe. Road Trip USA	Name, locate and describe major world cities. Pharaohs	Explain interconnections between two or more areas of the world. Darwin's Delights

