

Tatsfield Primary School – Geography Skills Progression

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	Teacher led enquiries, to ask and respond to simple closed questions.	Children encouraged asking simple geographical questions; Where is it?	Begin to ask/initiate geographical questions.	Ask and respond to questions and offer their own ideas.	Begin to suggest questions for investigating	Suggest questions for investigating
	·	What's it like?		Extend to satellite images, aerial	Begin to use primary and secondary	Use primary and secondary sources of evidence in their investigations.
	Use information books/pictures as sources of information.	Use books, stories, maps,	Use books, stories, atlases, pictures/photos and internet as	photographs	sources of evidence in their investigations.	
		pictures/photos and internet as sources of information.	sources of information.	Investigate places and themes at more	Investigate places with more emphasis on	Investigate places with more emphasis on the larger scale; contrasting and distant
	are e.g. within school or local area.		Investigate places and themes at more	than one scale	the larger scale; contrasting and distant places	places
		Make appropriate observations about why things happen.	than one scale	Collect and record evidence with some aid	Collect and record evidence unaided	Collect and record evidence unaided
	area/school	Make simple comparisons between	Begin to collect and record evidence	Analyse evidence and draw conclusions e.g. make comparisons between locations		Analyse evidence and draw conclusions e.g. from field work data on land use
		features of different places.	Analyse evidence and begin to draw conclusions e.g. make comparisons		e.g. temperature of various locations - influence on people/everyday life	comparing land use/temperature, look at patterns and explain reasons behind it
	Add labels onto sketch map, map or	Use basic observational skills	between two locations using photos/ pictures, temperatures in different	Draw an annotated sketch from observation including descriptive / explanatory labels and indicating direction	Select appropriate methods for data	Use graphs to display data collected
	photograph of features	Draw simple features	locations.			
	Use a camera in the field to help to record what is seen	•	Record findings from fieldtrips	Select views to photograph	Use sketches as evidence in an investigation.	Evaluate the quality of evidence collected and suggest improvements
		geographical questions	Use appropriate terminology		Evaluate their sketch against set criteria	Use sketches as evidence in an
		Ask a familiar person prepared questions		Consider how photos provide useful	and improve it	investigation.
		Use a pro-forma to collect data e.g.			Make a judgement about the best angle or viewpoint when taking an image or	Select field sketching from a variety of techniques
		tally survey		Use a camera independently	completing a sketch	Annotate sketches to describe and explair
		Add labels onto a sketch map, map or photograph of features		Locate position of a photo on a map	Use photographic evidence in their investigations	geographical processes and patterns
		Recognise a photo or a video as a			Evaluate the usefulness of the images	
		record of what has been seen or heard				

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	Use a simple picture map to move around the school	Follow a route on a map	Follow a route on a map with some accuracy	Follow a route on a large scale map	Compare maps with aerial photographs	Follow a short route on a OS map
		Use aerial photographs and plan		Locate places on a range of maps (variety	Select a map for a specific purpose	Describe the features shown on an OS
	Use relative vocabulary such as bigger,	perspectives to recognise landmarks and	Locate places using a range of maps	of scales)		map
	smaller, like, dislike	basic human and physical features	including OS & digital		Begin to use atlases to find out other	
				Identify features on an aerial photograph,	information (e.g. temperature)	Use atlases to find out data about other
			Begin to match boundaries (e.g. find same	digital or computer map		places
			boundary of a country on different scale		Find and recognise places on maps of	
			maps)		different scales	
	Map knowledge	Map knowledge	Map knowledge	Map knowledge	Map knowledge	Map knowledge
	Use world maps to identify the UK in its	Locate and name on a world map and	Locate the UK on a variety of different	Locate Europe on a large scale map or	Identify the position and significance of	Locate the world's countries, focus on
	position in the world.	globe the seven continents and five	scale maps	globe	lines of longitude & latitude	North & South America yet including the
	position in the trona.	oceans.		8.000	interest of tongitude of tuttode	areas studied throughout the Key Stages
	Use maps to locate the four countries and		Name & locate the counties and cities of	Name and locate countries in Europe		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
	capital cities of UK and its surrounding	Locate on a globe and world map the hot	the UK	(including Russia) and their capitals cities		
	seas	and cold areas of the world including the				
		Equator and the North and South Poles				
	Making maps	Making maps	Making maps	Making maps	Making maps	Making maps
	Draw basic maps, including appropriate	Draw or make a map of real or imaginary	Create a simple scale drawing	Recognise and use OS map symbols,	Draw a sketch map using symbols and a	Draw plans of increasing complexity
	symbols and pictures to represent places	places (e.g. add detail to a sketch map		including completion of a key and	key	
	or features	from aerial photograph)	Use standard symbols, and understand the	eunderstanding why it is important		Begin to use and recognise atlas symbols
			importance of a key		Use and recognise OS map symbols	
	Use photographs and maps to identify feature	Use and construct basic symbols in a key		Draw a sketch map from a high viewpoint	regularly	
Compass	Follow directions (Up, down, left/right,	Follow directions (as Y 1 and NSEW)	Use 4 compass points to follow/give	Use 4 compass points well:	Use 8 compass points;	Use 8 compass points confidently and
work	forwards/backwards, near/far)		directions:	Begin to use 8 compass points;		accurately;
					Begin to use 4 figure co- ordinates to	
			Use letter/no. co-ordinates to locate	Use letter/no. co-ordinates to locate	locate features on a map.	Use 4 figure co-ordinates confidently to
			features on a map.	features on a map confidently.		locate features on a map.
						Begin to use 6 figure grid refs; use latitud
						and longitude on atlas maps.