Charlton Mackrell C of E Primary School

'The one who gets wisdom loves life.' Proverbs 19:8

Our core concepts in geography are: Environment, Scale, Place and Processes. These concepts run through every class and every geography topic. These are vital to understanding how the world is. We plan for all pupils to leave our school with a clear understanding of these geographical concepts.

Our geography curriculum is based on the following principles:

- Ensure that children have a deep-rooted understanding of their local area which is then broadened to understand their sense of place within the wider world.
- An acknowledgement that children need to revisit and systematically build on their locational knowledge year on year. This recognises the fact that for many of our children, school may be the main source of this knowledge. To ensure that children retain and build on their locational knowledge, all year groups within our rolling programme will review the locational knowledge required for their years and all preceding years at the start of ALL learning linked to geography:
 - Year 1: I know the names of the four countries in the United Kingdom and can name them on a map: I can point to the Equator, North and South Pole on an atlas and globe.
 - Year 2 and 3: I can name the continents of the world and locate them on a map; I can name the world's oceans and name them on a map; I can name the capital cities of England, Scotland and Northern Ireland. I know the names of a number of countries in the Northern Hemisphere; I know the capital city of at least six European countries; I can locate the Tropic of Cancer, the Tropic of Capricorn and the Greenwich meridian on a map.
 - Year 4, 5 and 6: I know how to find at least six cities in the UK on a map; I know the difference between the British Isles, Great Britain and the United Kingdom. I know, can name and locate the capital cities of neighbouring European countries; I know about, can name and locate many of the world's most famous mountainous regions; I can name and locate many of the world's most famous rivers. I can name the largest deserts in the world and locate desert regions in an atlas.
- Children are immersed in age-appropriate geographical vocabulary in all year groups to ensure that they have the subject-specific language skills required to communicate their understanding.
- The geography curriculum provides real-life opportunities to apply and deepen their skills and knowledge in the core curriculum subjects ensuring that they can understand the rationale behind learning in these areas.

Key:

Locational and Place Knowledge				
Human and Physical Geography				
Fieldwork				

We use the key to identify previous related learning before starting a new geographical topic. We revisit the key vocabulary and plan key questions to secure prior learning.

		Knowle	edge and skills as a geo	grapher		
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Locational and	I know the names	I can name the	I know the capital	I can find at least	I know and can	I know how to use
Place Knowledge	of the four	capital cities of	city of at least six	six cities in the UK	locate the capital	an atlas by using
	countries in the UK	England, Scotland,	European	on a map.	cities of	the index to find
	and can locate	Wales and	countries.		neighbouring	places.
	them on a map.	Northern Ireland.		I can name some of	countries.	
			I know the name of	the main islands		l can use basic
	I can point to the	I can name the	several countries in	surrounding the	I know and can	ordnance survey
	equator, North and	continents of the	the northern	UK.	locate the most	symbols.
	South Pole on a	world.	hemisphere.		mountainous	
	globe.				regions in the	
	-	I can name the	I can locate the		world.	
	I know about the	oceans and locate	Tropic of Cancer,			
	features of an	them on a map.	Tropic of Capricorn			
	island.		and the Greenwich			
			Meridian on a map.			
			I know whether a			
			country is located			
			in the Southern or			
			Northern			
			hemisphere.			

Human and	I know about some	I know what I like	I know why people	I know how to plan	I know why most	I know why some
Physical Geography	of the main	and don't like	may want to live in	a journey from my	cities are located	places are similar
, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	features of hot and	about a place other	cities or other	town to another	by rivers.	and dissimilar in
	cold places and	than where I live.	places than where I	place in England.		relation to their
	what I should wear.		live.		I know about the	physical and
		I can describe a		I know the areas of	course of a river.	human features.
	I know how the	place outside	I know and can	origin of the main		
	weather changes	Europe using	locate some of the	ethnic groups in	I can name and	I know how time
	throughout the	geographical	world's most	the UK and in our	locate some of the	zones work and can
	year and the names	words.	famous volcanoes.	school.	world's most	calculate times in
	of the seasons.				famous rivers.	other countries.
		I know how jobs	I know and can			
	I know my address.	may be different in	describe the key		I know why ports	I can name the
		different locations.	aspects of		are important and	largest deserts and
	I know what I like		earthquakes.		the role they play	locate them in an
	and don't like	I know the key			in the distribution	atlas.
	about where I live.	features of a place			of goods.	
		from a picture				
		using words like				
		beach, coast,				
		forest, mountain,				
		ocean and valley.				
		I know the facilities				
		that a village, town				
		and city may need				
		and give reasons.				
Fieldwork	I know the four	l can use	I can use eight	I can use the eight	l can use four	I can use six figure
	main points on a	directional	points of a	points of a compass	figure grid	grid references. I
	compass.	vocabulary to	compass.	in the context of	references.	can use basic
		explain where a		describing places.		ordnance survey
	I can locate places	location is.	I can locate		I can use mapping	symbols.
	on a map.		countries on maps.		to investigate the	

	Key Stage 1		Lower Ke	Lower Key Stage 2		ey Stage 2
Curriculum	Daily weather	Use aerial	Describe and	To use eight points	Human geography,	Know and locate
Knowledge and	patterns in the	photographs and	understand key	of a compass.	including: types of	cities of
Skills	United Kingdom.	plan perspective to	aspects of:	To be able to use a	settlement and	neighbouring
	To keep a weather	recognise	Physical geography,	map to locate	land use, economic	countries.
	chart and answer	landmarks and	including: climate	countries.	activity including	Know and locate
	questions about	basic human and	zones, biomes and	To be able to	trade links, and the	the most
	the weather.	physical features.	vegetation belts,	measure and	distribution of	mountainous
	To know the names		rivers, mountains,	record	natural resources	regions in the
	of the seasons and		volcanoes and	observations using	including energy,	world.
	understand what		earthquakes, and	sketch maps and	food, minerals and	
	to wear in different		the water cycle.	graphs.	water.	
	climates.					

	Key Stage 1		Lower Key Stage 2		Upper Key Stage 2	
Curriculum	The location of hot	Be able to devise a	To understand why	To use eight points	Understand	To know why most
Knowledge and	and cold areas of	simple map; and	people may want	of a compass.	geographical	cities are located
Skills	the world in	use and construct	to live in cities or	To be able to use a	similarities and	by rivers.
	relation to the	basic symbols in a	other places than	map to locate	differences through	To understand the
	Equator and the	key.	where we live.	countries.	the study of human	course of a river.

North and South	To know and locate	To be able to	and physical	To name and locate
Poles.	some of the	measure and	geography of a	some of the
To devise simple	world's most	record	region of the	world's most
maps. To know the	famous volcanoes.	observations using	United Kingdom, a	famous rivers.
four main points on	To know and	sketch maps and	region in a	To know why ports
a compass.	describe the key	graphs.	European country,	are important and
	aspects of		and a region within	the role they play
	earthquakes.		North or South	in the distribution
			America.	of goods.
			Use maps, atlases,	
			globes and	
			digital/computer	
			mapping to locate	
			countries and	
			describe features	
			studied.	

	Key Stage 1		Lower Ke	Lower Key Stage 2		y Stage 2
Curriculum	Children know the	Use simple	Understand	To understand the	To know how to	Describe and
Knowledge and	names of the four	compass directions	geographical	types of settlement	plan a journey from	understand key
Skills	countries in the UK	(North, South, East	similarities and	and land use,	own town to	aspects of: physical
	and can locate	and West.	differences through	economic activity	another place in	geography,
	them on a map.		studying the	including trade	England.	including climate
	Children know their		human and	links, and the	To know the areas	zones, biomes and
	address. They		physical geography	distribution of	of origin of the	vegetation belts,
	know what they		of a small area of	natural resources	main ethnic groups	rivers, mountains,
	like and don't like		the United	including energy,	in the UK and in	volcanoes and
	about where they		Kingdom, and of a	food, minerals and	the school.	earthquakes, and
	live.		small area in a	water.		the water cycle.

	contrasting non-		Use fieldwork to
	European country.		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.

	Key S	tage 1	Lower Ke	ey Stage 2	Upper Ke	ey Stage 2
Curriculum	To point to the	Be able to use	Use world maps,	To know the capital	To find at least six	To use four figure
Knowledge and	equator, North and	directional	atlases and globes	cities of at least six	cities in the UK on	grid references.
Skills	South Pole on a	language (for	to identify the	European	a map.	Use mapping to
	globe and to know	example, near and	United Kingdom	countries.	To name some of	investigate the
	the features of an	far, left and right).	and its countries,	To know the names	the main islands	human effects on
	island.	Be able to describe	as well as the	of several countries	surrounding the	the natural
	To be able to locate	the location of	countries,	in the northern	UK.	environment.
	places using aerial	features and routes	continents and	hemisphere.		To be able to
	photographs to	on a map.	oceans studied at	To locate the		collect information,
	identify features.	Use world maps,	this key stage.	Tropic of Cancer,		such as weather
		atlases and globes		Tropic of Capricorn		measurements and
		to identify the	Use simple	and the Greenwich		present in charts
		United Kingdom	compass directions	Meridian on a map.		and tables.
		and its countries,	(North, South, East	To know whether a		
		as well as the	and West) and	country is located		
		countries,	locational and	in the Southern or		
		continents and	directional	Northern		
			language (for	hemisphere.		

	oceans studied at	example, near and		
	this key stage.	far; left and right)		
		to describe the		
		location of features		
		and routes on a		
		map.		

	Key Stage 1		Lower Key Stage 2		Upper Key Stage 2	
Curriculum Knowledge and Skills	Children will develop their understanding of the local seaside and its role in tourism, both in the past and present. To understand the terms holiday, tourism, beach, seaside, sea, ocean, town, settlement, resort.	Understand geographical similarities and differences through studying the human and physical geography of a small area of the United Kingdom, and of a small area in a contrasting non- European country.	To be able to name the capital cities of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. To name the continents of the world. To name the oceans and locate them on a map.	To be able to identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom and the location of hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South Poles.	To use eight points of a compass in the context of describing places. Be able to use mapping to locate human and physical features. To research to find out about key differences and features of villages, towns and cities.	To know how to use an atlas by using the index to find places and to use basic ordnance survey symbols. To use maps, globes and digital mapping to locate countries and describe features. Use the eight points of a compass, four and six figure grid references, including the use of Ordnance survey maps to build knowledge of the United Kingdom and the wider world.

	Key Stage 1		Lower Key Stage 2		Upper Key Stage 2	
Curriculum Knowledge and Skills	To use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of their school and its grounds and the key human and physical features of the surrounding environment and start to make comparisons with other places.	Understand geographical similarities and differences through studying the human and physical geography of a small area of the United Kingdom, and of a small area in a contrasting non- European country.	To use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of our school and it's grounds and the key human and physical features of it's surrounding environment.	To be able to explain where a location is. Use globes when locating places and aerial photographs to recognise landmarks and basic human and physical features. To add symbols to own maps.	To 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. Physical geography including: climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts, rivers, mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes and the water cycle.	To know why some places are similar and dissimilar in relation to their physical and human features. To understand how time zones work and can calculate times in other countries. To name the largest deserts and locate them in an atlas.