ST BERNADETTE'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL



GEOGRAPHY CURRICULUM





Intent

At St Bernadette's, we strive for a Geography curriculum that inspires our children to be curious and passionate geographers. We encourage children to explore and ask questions about the people and world around them, to develop their knowledge and understanding of human and physical features, alongside new skills. We believe that making these connections empowers our children to recognise worldwide challenges and appreciate their role in ensuring a sustainable future.

Our children begin learning about Geography in our Early Years unit and content is carefully designed to be engaging, accessible and inclusive. Each key stage builds on previous skills and knowledge to ensure progress, as children journey through our school.

We make connections through a topic based, cross-curricular approach and look for opportunities to take learning outside, allowing children to travel the world from their classroom and get practical real-life experiences. Children are made aware of Geography as a discrete subject to help them understand what it is and the skills they are learning. We deepen knowledge by linking and revisiting areas of learning across topics, so that children will remember more, know more, and understand more.





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AUTUMN	SPRING	SUMMER
OUR SCHOOL Where in the World is our school? Autumn Walk - Becomes familiar with features of our school environment in Autumn. - Begins to describe features of the natural world within our school environment - Comment and ask questions about aspects of their familiar world e.g. where they live, our school environment. - Begins to make imaginative and simple 'small worlds' with blocks. Christmas celebrations - Starts to notice differences between people and cultures around the world through the celebrations of Advent/Diwali/Hanukah. - Use photos and images to compare their life to life in other countries using our celebrations theme. - Begin to use positional language e.g. e.g. in front, on top, next to, behind	HOT AND COLD PLACES Where is it hot & cold? Winter Walk - Becomes familiar with features of our school environment in Winter. - Describes, with more familiarity, features of the natural world within their school environment. - Listens and responds to simple instructions. - Begins to describe their immediate environment using knowledge they have gained from observations, discussions and stories. - Know some similarities & differences between their immediate environment and a contrasting environment - hot & cold places - Notice differences between people - Chinese New Year celebrations - Use photos and images to compare their life to life in other countries - China. Spring Walk - Become familiar with features of their school environment during Spring. - Uses positional language e.g. e.g. in front, on top, next to, behind with more confidence. - Comments and ask questions about aspects of their familiar world linked to seasonal changes. - Knows there are different countries in the world linked to nursery rhymes from around the world.	OUR OUTDOOR AREA What is in our outdoor area? Summer Walk - Talk about the different parts of the local community including the occupations & settings of people who help us e.g. Police Station, Fire Station Find out about the environment by talking to people, examining photographs and visiting local places Securely uses positional language such as in front, on top, next to, behind Names some landmarks within the local environment e.g. the Church, Morrison's, Fire Station - Make complex 'small worlds' e.g. a farm, a roadway - Describe features of the natural world within their school environment, e.g. playground, field, road, fence, shop, house Become familiar with features of their school environment during the summer season Comment and ask questions about aspects of their immediate environment Describes their immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, and stories - Explore and respond to different natural phenomena in their setting - Knows there are different countries in the world and can name some that they are familiar with, e.g. holiday countries, Paddington Bear.





RECEPTION		
AUTUMN	SPRING	SUMMER
WHERE I LIVE Where do I live? Autumn Walk	ARCTIC LANDS Where in the World are there Arctic Lands? Winter Walk	WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD! Where in the World is Barnaby Bear? Summer Walk
 Begin to name some features of their school environment during the autumn season. Follow simple directions Begin to talk about members of their community and develop an awareness of their own, immediate culture. Describe features of the natural world within their school environment, e.g. playground, field, classroom, hall, music room. Orientation of immediate environment. Begin to describe features of different cultural events around the world, e.g. Diwali. Recognise that people celebrate special times in different ways e.g. Diwali, Hanukah, Christmas Explore the natural world and begin to identify physical features that effect hibernation and migration etc. 	- Begin to name some features of their school environment during the winter season Follow simple directions - Talks about features of other places such as Polar Regions. Comparing to their own environment Becomes familiar with a globe and where on the globe:	 Show care and concern for living things and the environment: natural world around us Draws simple maps of real/fictional places e.g. a treasure map. Begins to use 2 point grid references in Maths and provision, e.g. A4 Identify buildings, roads, grass, water and land on aerial photos Know that we live in a country called England and that this is part of an island made up of four countries Barnaby Bear's travels around the World. (Knows about other countries in the world). Show care and concern for living things and the environment: How can we take care of our wonderful world? Becomes familiar with a globe and where Bangladesh is on the globe in relation to the UK (where they live). Know some similarities & differences between their immediate environment and a contrasting environment e.g. Africa. Talks about features of other places such as Africa. Uses photos and images to compare their life to life in other countries (Africa).





KEY STAGE 1

Working as Geographers in Key Stage 1 **KEY STAGE 1 YEAR A AUTUMN SPRING SUMMER** MARVELLOUS MANCHESTER UNITED KINGDOM **FABULOUS FARMS** Why is Whitefield wonderful? How do farms help us? Why is Britain Great? Local area walk Farm visit Virtual UK fieldtrip Locational knowledge Place knowledge Locational knowledge 1.2 Name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries 2.1 Understand geographical similarities and differences through 1.2 Name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities in UK, with a focus on Manchester, Bury and studying the human and physical geography of a local farm and a and capital cities in UK and surrounding seas. Whitefield. farm in Asia, such as a rice paddy. Place knowledge Human and physical geography Human and physical geography 2.1 Understand geographical similarities and differences through 3.1 Identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the United 3.1 Identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the United studying and comparing the human and physical geography of Kingdom Kingdom and the location of hot and cold areas of the world in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. 3.2 Use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to: relation to the Equator and the North and South Poles e.g. Asia/ a) key physical features, including: forest, hill, mountain, China is near the equator and UK is further away; identify how Human and physical geography field, river, soil, vegetation and weather. seasonal and daily weather affects farming. 3.2 Use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to: **key human features**, including: city, town, village, factory, 3.2 Use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to: a) key physical features, including: beach, cliff, coast, forest, farm, house, office and shop. a) key physical features, including: field, hill, coast, river, soil, hill, mountain, sea, ocean, river, soil, valley, vegetation, Geographical skills and fieldwork valley, vegetation season and weather. season and weather. 4.3 Use aerial photographs and plan perspectives to recognise b) key human features, including: city, town, village, factory, b) key human features, including: city, town, village, factory, landmarks and basic physical features of the local area; devise a farm, house, office and shop. farm, port, harbour, house, office and shop. simple map; and use and construct basic symbols in a key. Geographical skills and fieldwork 4.4 Use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the Geographical skills and fieldwork 4.1 Use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the UK and its geography of the school and the key human and physical 4.1 Use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the UK and the countries. Identifying its location in the continent of Europe. features of its surrounding environment. continent of Asia. 4.2 Use simple compass directions (north, south, east and west) 4.2 Use simple compass directions (north, south, east and west) and locational language (e.g. near and far) to describe the and locational language (e.g. near and far) to describe the location of features and routes on a map, e.g. following a route location of features and routes on a map, e.g. travelling to to different UK capital cities or countries. different landmarks on the farm. 4.3 Use aerial photographs and plan perspectives to recognise 4.3 Use aerial photographs and plan perspectives to recognise landmarks and basic physical features of the local area; devise a landmarks and basic physical features; devise a simple map; and simple map; and use and construct basic symbols in a key. use and construct basic symbols in a key.





KEY STAGE 1 YEAR B		
AUTUMN	SPRING	SUMMER
Locational knowledge 1.1 Name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans, e.g. Create a jigsaw map, placing continents and oceans in correct locations Human and physical geography 3.1 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, e.g. Antarctica is cold because it is on the South Pole. 3.2 Use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to: a) key physical features, including: beach, coast, forest, hill, mountain, ocean, river, soil, valley, vegetation and weather. b) key human features, including: city, town, village, factory, farm, house, office, port, harbour and shop Geographical skills and fieldwork 4.1 Use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the United Kingdom the countries within the 7 continents and 5 oceans studied. 4.2 Use simple compass directions (north, south, east and west) and locational language (e.g. near and far) to describe the location of features and routes on a map, e.g. following a route from continents or to find hot/ cold places.	AMAZING AFRICA Are you wild about Africa? Winter Walk & Knowsley Safari Park Locational knowledge 1.1 Name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans – identify Africa and that its surrounded by the Mediterranean Sea, the Red Sea, the Indian Ocean, and the Atlantic Ocean. Place Knowledge 2.1 Understand geographical similarities and differences through studying the human and physical geography of a small area of the United Kingdom and of a contrasting non-European country, e.g. compare and contrast where we live (Whitefield) and a Kenyan Maasai village 3.1 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, e.g. Africa sits on the equator and is hot. 3.2 Use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to: a) key physical features, including: beach, coast, forest, hill, mountain, ocean, river, soil, valley, vegetation and weather. b) key human features, including: city, town, village, factory, farm, house, office and shop Geographical skills and fieldwork 4.1 Use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the United Kingdom the countries within the 7 continents and 5 oceans studied – Recap: where is Africa? Where is Europe? 4.4 Use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of the school and the key human and physical features of ts surrounding environment	SUROUNDING THE SEASIDE What is it like to be beside the sea? Spring /Summer Walk Rock pool experience/ Blackpool beach Locational knowledge 1.2 Name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas. Do we live near a beach/ sea? Human and physical geography 3.1 Identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom, refer to north and south being warmer/ colder. 3.2 Use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to: a) key physical features, including: beach, coast, cliff, mountain, sea, ocean and weather. b) key human features, including: city, town, village, factory, house, office, port, harbour and shop, e.g. create a seaside painting in the style of Rebecca Lardner. Geographical skills and fieldwork 4.1 Use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the United Kingdom and its countries. Where is the seaside? 4.2 Use simple compass directions (north, south, east and west) and locational language (e.g. near and far) to describe the location of features and routes on a map. Where is the beach/ sea? Where is the treasure? 4.3 Use aerial images and plan perspectives to recognise landmarks and basic human and physical features; devise a simple treasure map; and use and construct basic symbols in a key.





LOWER KEY STAGE 2

Working as Geographers in Lower Key Stage 2 **LOWER KEY STAGE 2 YEAR A AUTUMN SPRING SUMMER WEATHER & CLIMATE SUNNY SPAIN EARTHQUAKES & VOLCANOES** What's the difference between weather and climate? Where in the world is Spain? How does the Earth shake, rattle and roll? Locational knowledge Locational knowledge 1.2 Name and locate the counties and cities of the United Locational knowledge 1.1 Locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on Europe – Kingdom, geographical regions and their identifying 1.1 Locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on Europe – specifically Italy and Pompeii. Concentrating on Italy's human and physical characteristics. Key topographical specifically name and locate Spain. Concentrating on Spain's environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics features (including hills, mountains, coasts, and rivers), environmental regions, key human characteristics and major cities. and major cities. and land-use patterns, and understand how some of these 1.3 Identify the position and significance of latitude, longitude, aspects have changed over time. Place knowledge Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, Southern 1.3 Identify the position and significance of latitude, 2.1 Understand geographical similarities and differences through the hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and longitude, Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern study of human geography of a region of the UK and a region in a Antarctic Circle, the Prime/Greenwich Meridian and time zones Hemisphere, Southern hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer European country by comparing Spain and UK, e.g. weather, homes, food, (including day and night). and Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic Circle, the language etc. Prime/Greenwich Meridian and time zones (including day Human and physical geography and night). Human and physical geography 3.1 Describe and understand the key aspects of: 3.1 Describe and understand the key aspects of: Human and physical geography a) physical geography, including: volcanoes and earthquakes b) human geography, including: settlements and land use, 3.1 Describe and understand the key aspects of: and the water cycle. E.g. study the physical features of a economic activity, including trade links, and the distribution of

- a) physical geography, including: rivers, mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes and the water cycle, with a focus on weather and climate.
- b) human geography, including: settlements and land use.

Geographical skills and fieldwork

- 4.1 Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features.
- 4.2 Use the eight points of a compass, 4- figure grid references, symbols and key (incl. the use of Ordnance Survey maps) to communicate knowledge of the wider world.
- 4.3 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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- volcano, design and create a 3D model.
- b) human geography, including: settlements and land use, economic activity, including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water, e.g. the Roman empire and the power of its army due to transport and protective armour.

Geographical skills and fieldwork

- 4.2 Use the eight points of a compass, 4- figure grid references, symbols and key (incl. the use of Ordnance Survey maps) to communicate knowledge of the wider world, e.g. locate volcanoes on a map.
- 4.3 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.





LOWER KEY STAGE 2 YEAR B		
AUTUMN	SPRING	SUMMER
MY WORLD & ME	NORTH AMERICA	THE WATER CYCLE
Who is my Global neighbour?	What will we find on an American Road Trip?	How does the water go round and round?
Orienteering activity		Local area walk
Locational knowledge	Locational knowledge	Springwater park/ River Irwell visit
1.2 Name and locate the counties and cities of the United	1.1 Locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on North and South	
Kingdom, geographical regions and their identifying human	America, concentrating on their environmental regions, key human	Human and physical geography
and physical characteristics. Key topographical features	characteristics and major cities.	3.1 Describe and understand the key aspects of:
(including hills, mountains, coasts, and rivers), and land-use		a) physical geography, including: rivers, and the water cycle,
patterns, and understand how some of these aspects have	1.3 Identify the position and significance of latitude, longitude, Equator,	e.g.
changed over time. e.g. Name and locate England and its	Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, Southern hemisphere, the	- the formation and features of a river, its journey to the sea
counties during Tudor times.	Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic Circle, the	and discover the role of the water cycle.
	Prime/Greenwich Meridian and time zones (including day and night).	- Draw/ model a river & it's functions/ features
1.3 Identify the position and significance of latitude,		- Recreate mini water cycle.
longitude, Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern	<u>Place knowledge</u>	
Hemisphere, Southern hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer and	2.1 Understand geographical similarities and differences through the	Geographical skills and fieldwork
Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic Circle, the Prime/Greenwich	study of human geography of a region of the UK, a region in a European	4.1 Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to
Meridian and time zones (including day and night).	country and a region in North America e.g. compare and contrast 2 states,	locate countries and describe features, e.g. explore different
Human and physical gangraphy	e.g. Spanish language in New Mexico	landscapes, the fifty states and their characteristics
Human and physical geography 3.1 Describe and understand the key aspects of:	Human and physical geography	4.3 Use fieldwork to observe and record the human and physical
a) physical geography, including: mountains, volcanoes	3.1 Describe and understand the key aspects of:	features in the local area using a range of methods including sketch
and earthquakes and the water cycle.	b) human geography, including: cities and the Northern lights	maps, plans and graphs and digital technologies, e.g. Spring water
b) human geography, including: cities and understand	by numan geography, melading, enter and the Northern lights	park
how some of these aspects have changed over time,	Geographical skills and fieldwork	Park
e.g. the battle of Bosworth terrain & environment	4.1 Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate	
and Tudor houses compared to modern homes.	countries and describe features, e.g. explore different landscapes, the	
Geographical skills and fieldwork	fifty states and their characteristics	
4.1 Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping	,	
to locate countries and describe features.	4.2 Use the eight points of a compass, 4- figure grid references, symbols	
4.2 Use the eight points of a compass, 4- figure grid	and key (incl. the use of Ordnance Survey maps) to	
references, symbols and key (incl. the use of Ordnance	communicate knowledge of the wider world	
Survey maps) to communicate knowledge of the		
wider world		
4.3 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.		





UPPER KEY STAGE 2

Working as Geographers in Upper Key Stage 2		
UPPER KEY STAGE 2 YEAR A		
AUTUMN	SPRING	SUMMER
Are mountains really marvellous? Locational knowledge 1.1 Locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on Europe (incl. the location of Russia) and North and South America, concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, and major cities. 1.2 Name and locate the 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. Human and physical geography 3.1 Describe and understand the key aspects of: a) physical geography, including: climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts, rivers, mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes and the water cycle.	ROARING RIVERS How do rivers impact the world around us? Springwater park – River walk Locational knowledge 1.2 Name and locate the counties and cities of the United Kingdom, geographical regions and their identifying human and physical characteristics, specifically rivers. Key topographical features (including hills, mountains, coasts, and rivers), and land-use patterns, and understand how some of these aspects have changed over time. Human and physical geography 3.1 Describe and understand the key aspects of: a) physical geography, including: climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts, rivers, mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes and the water cycle e.g. create river Landscapes b) human geography, including: settlements and land use, economic activity, including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water Geographical skills and fieldwork 4.1 Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features. 4.2 Use the eight points of a compass, 6-figure grid references, symbols and key (incl. the use of Ordnance Survey maps) to communicate knowledge of the wider world 4.3 Use different types of fieldwork sampling (random and systematic) 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.	Locational knowledge 1.1 Locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on Europe (incl. the location of Russia) and North and South America, concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, and major cities. 1.2 Name and locate the 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. 1.3 Identify the position and significance of latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, Southern hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic Circle, the Prime/Greenwich Meridian and time zones (including day and night). Geographical skills and fieldwork 4.4 Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features. 4.5 Use the eight points of a compass, 6-figure grid references, symbols and key (incl. the use of Ordnance Survey maps) to communicate knowledge of the wider world





UPPER KEY STAGE 2 YEAR B		
AUTUMN	SPRING	SUMMER
SOUTH AMERICA	CLIMATE ZONES	GLOBAL TRADE
Is Rio like Manchester?	How does climate change biomes?	How does global trade affect the world?
 Locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on South America, concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, and major cities. 1.2 Name and locate the 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. Place knowledge 2.1 Understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human geography of a region of the UK and a region in South America e.g. compare Rio and Manchester Human and physical geography 3.1 Describe and understand the key aspects of: a) physical geography, including: climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts, rivers, mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes and the water cycle e.g. rainforests b) human geography, including: settlements and land use, economic activity, including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water e.g Identify and describe how the physical features affect the human activity within a location. Geographical skills and fieldwork 4.1 Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features. 4.2 Use the eight points of a compass, 6-figure grid references, symbols and key (incl. the use of Ordnance Survey maps) to communicate knowledge of the wider world 4.3 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. 	Locational knowledge 1.3 Identify the position and significance of latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, Southern hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic Circle, the Prime/Greenwich Meridian and time zones (including day and night). Human and physical geography 3.1 Describe and understand the key aspects of: a) physical geography, including: climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts, rivers, mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes and the water cycle b) human geography, including: settlements and land use, economic activity, including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water Geographical skills and fieldwork 4.1 Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features. 4.2 Use the eight points of a compass, 6-figure grid references, symbols and key (incl. the use of Ordnance Survey maps) to communicate knowledge of the wider world	Locational knowledge 1.1 Locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on South America, concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, and major cities. Place knowledge 2.1 Understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human geography of a region of the UK and a region in South America e.g. compare Rio and Manchester Human and physical geography 3.1 Describe and understand the key aspects of: b) human geography, including: settlements and land use, economic activity, including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water Geographical skills and fieldwork 4.1 Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features. 4.2 Use the eight points of a compass, 6-figure grid references, symbols and key (incl. the use of Ordnance Survey maps) to communicate knowledge of the wider world