



Knebworth Primary School Geography Matrix



Children will develop a passion to understand and protect the planet we live on and a commitment to solve the inevitable problems facing its future.

"Geography underpins a lifelong conversation about the earth as the home of humankind."

Geography association

Overarching ideas – **modern context** and how they can be applied in todays world (i.e. maps not just paper). Link to **responsibility** value – our responsibility as citizens to look after environment (human impact). This is to be covered in the majority of topics across the geography curriculum.

Key: Physical geography Human geography									
Deep Roots	Αι	ıtumn	Spi	Spring		Summer			
The lease	Skills	Knowledge	Skills	Knowledge	Skills	Knowledge			
Y1	To identify key	Golden Nuggets	<u>Environmental</u>	To know	<u>Mapwork</u>	Golden Nuggets	<u>Autumn</u>		
	features of	- To know the	<u>wellbeing</u> – looking	Continents and	To locate areas of	- To know a key is	Season; autumn;		
Hands on	different	differences and	after the oceans,	<u>oceans</u>	coast on a map.	used to read a map	winter; spring;		
Geography:	seasons.	similarities	dangers for	To know there are		- To know a	summer; equator;		
Termly visit (2		between seasons.	animals. SKILL – <mark>To</mark>	7 continents and	To explain what	seaside town is by	north; south.		
visits one		- To know what a	<mark>understand human</mark>	what they are	things you may find	an ocean	<u>Spring</u>		
term if	To compare and	season is and how	impact on	called.	at the seaside	- To know that left	Continent or		
possible so all	contrast	many there are.	<mark>environment. To</mark>		(either <mark>natural</mark> or	and right describe	country; Europe;		
seasons	seasons.		have an opinion	To know there are	<mark>human</mark> built) and	location/direction	Asia; Africa; N.		
observed) to	- Physical	Village. Seasons.	<mark>about human</mark>	5 oceans and know	why.		America; S.		
Knebworth	<mark>feature</mark>	To know the	<mark>impact.</mark>	what they are			America;		
recreation	s	differences and		called.		Seaside –	Australasia;		





ground to observe seasonal changes – photographic display or collages to record.	 Human differen ces in behavio ur Fieldwork – To observe and record features of the different seasons. To observe and record seasona l changes 	similarities between seasons. To know what a season is and how many there are. To know that seasons aren't at the same time everywhere in the world (i.e. summer in UK = July, summer is Australia = December). To know simple ways human behaviour changes between seasons. (e.g. BBQ in summer because it's hot, skiing in winter because there is snow)	Mapwork – To interpret a map to locate continents and oceans. To recognise maps are not to scale. To compare size and distance (i.e. Asia is next to Europe). To compare different climates. To explain simply the relationship between countries and continents (i.e. multiple countries make up a continent)	To know why not all bodies of water are oceans. To know the simple difference between continents and countries. To know that these. UK To know that the UK is made up of four countries. To know where they are on a map. To know that the UK is part of Europe.	To interpret and make a simple key for a map. To draw a basic map with key. To understand and use and use directional language.	To know what is meant by seaside. To know some key common human and physical features of the seaside Focus on Chatelaillon Plage (Twinned town in France) To know the purpose of a key for a map. To know and understand why maps are normally from an aerial view. To know common human uses of the seaside.	Antarctica; Oceans; Pacific; Atlantic; Indian; Arctic; Southern (Antarctic). England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Island. Summer Map; aerial; key; coast; shore; near; far; left; right
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Y2	Mapwork:	UK countries and	<u>Mapwork</u> – human	<u>Aztec</u> links	<u>Mapwork</u>	Island home	Autumn
	To plot their	capitals – London	physical	<u>Continents</u> –	To locate and	Key text – Katie	North; south; east
Hands on	own map using	focus	To use locational	To know that	recognise islands	Morag.	west; London;
Geography:	symbols and		knowledge and	Mexico is in North	<mark>on a map.</mark>		Cardiff; Edinburgh;
Summer term	<mark>keys.</mark>		<mark>map skills</mark> to simply	America.		Golden Nuggets	Belfast; River
– Making an		Golden Nuggets	explain the Spanish		To build on map	- To know an island	Thames
Island 3D – to	To locate <u>UK</u>	- To know what a	<mark>conquest.</mark>	To know what	reading skills and	is land surrounded	Spring
include key	<u>countries</u> and	capital city is.		Mesoamerica	the idea of keys.	by water.	Central America;
island	capital cities on	- To know the 4 UK	To compare simple	refers to.		- To know that	North America;
features	<mark>a map.</mark>	countries and	maps of modern		To have an opinion	islands are not all	Lake; natural; man-
		capital cities.	central America	To know features	about what makes	the same climate	made.
	To use a	- To know where	and Aztec central	both <mark>physical</mark> and	a good		Summer
	compass and	the UK countries	America – natural	<mark>human</mark> of	environment to	To know what	Island; coast;
	directional	and capital cities	features and	Tenochtitlan.	reside – is this	<mark>classifies as an</mark>	
	language.	are on a map.	changing		island home a place	island.	
		- To know the 4	landscape.	To know and	you would want to		
	To interpret	compass points.		explain why	live? Why might	To know some pros	
	simple ariel			Mexicans speak	others disagree?	and cons of living	
	photos and plan	UK and Rivers		Spanish – distance	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	on an island (does	
	perspectives to			etc. – human	To compare the	this differ from	
	recognise	To know the 4 UK		impact on the	island home with a	island to island?)	
	landmarks and	countries and		environment and	town or city inland	,	
	basic human and	capital cities		settlement.	– <mark>human features</mark> ,	To know common	
	physical				natural features	key features	
	features.	Physical – To know			etc.	(human and	
		basic weather				physical) of an	
	To devise a	patterns in UK (link				island.	
	simple map.	to Y1 seasons)				isialiu.	
	simple map.	to 11 seasons)					
	To compare	To know what a					
	London and a						
	different UK	capital city is.					
		To know the					
	capital – physical						
	<mark>and</mark> human	evidence of a					
	(lifestyle/culture	<mark>capital city – what</mark>					
	<mark>/ buildings etc)</mark>	are you likely to					
	<mark>elements</mark>	find in a capital?					





		(e.g. parliament, palace in a monarchy etc.)					
Υ3	To compare areas inhabited	Stone age physical geography	Name and locate countries and cities in the UK, geographical	Rivers Physical and human	To identify <mark>human</mark> and physical	<u>Volcanoes</u>	<u>Autumn</u> Stonehenge;
Hands on	in the Stone Age	Colden Nuggete	regions and their	themes	characteristics of volcanoes and the	Golden Nuggets - To know a	settlements
Geography: classroom	<mark>to today.</mark>	Golden Nuggets - To accurately use	identifying and human and physical	To know the name	surrounding area	volcano is an	Spring:
river	To accurately	directional	characteristics, key	of some UK rivers.	(Vesuvius/ Italy	opening in the	Source; mouth;
iivei	use directional	language.	topographical features	(Thames known	focus), key	Earth's surface.	bed; water cycle;
	language.	- To know what	(hills, mountains, coasts and rivers) and land use	already from Y2).	topographical	- To know volcano	erosion; pollution;
		geographical	patterns; and		features	eruptions release	river bank; canal;
	To compare how	features made a	understand how some	To know regions		poisonous gases	meander; spring
	areas have	good location for	of these aspects have changed over time.	where rivers are	To identify and	- To know some	
	changed.	settlements.		found.	<mark>form an opinion on</mark>	volcanoes are	<u>Summer</u>
		- To know how	To recognise and		<mark>the land use of the</mark>	active and some	Eruption; magma;
	Research skills	humans changed	locate rivers on a	To know the major	<mark>area around</mark>	are inactive	lava; active and
	(multimedia)	the environment	<mark>map.</mark>	rivers around the	Vesuvius and how		inactive
		(to make it		world.	it has changed	To know what a	
	To locate Stone	liveable, human	To identify		since the eruption	volcano is.	Potential Book:
	age settlements	impact) – both	characteristics of	To know the	(preservation of		Escape from
	and important	positives and	the location of	'journey' of a river	<mark>Pompeii).</mark>	To know where	Pompeii (Cross-
	sites on a map.	negatives.	rivers and their	(source to mouth).	Man akilla ukusiaal	Mount Vesuvius is located.	curricular)
	(Map skills – where		sources. Including	Human impact on	Map skills, physical and human	To know the impact	
	settlements	To know what	human geography	rivers – recycling.	geography– place	of Mount Vesuvius'	
	were and what	geographical	of surrounding areas and uses.	invers recycling.	study Italy –	eruption on	
	they are today)	features made a	dreas and uses.	To know the water	research skills	Pompeii and other	
		good location for		cycle.	using physical and	local areas.	
		settlements.			digital sources.		
				To know the		To know that	
		<mark>To know how</mark>		difference between	To understand and	Pompeii has been	
	To compare	humans changed		a river and a canal	<mark>explain the impact</mark>	preserved/is no	
	geographical	the environment			volcanoes on	longer inhabited	
	features of the	<mark>(to make it liveable,</mark>			humans and the	and the some of	
	areas.	<mark>human impact) –</mark>			<mark>environment -</mark>		





	both positives and		Pompeii specific as	the reasons for	
Directional	negatives.		volcanoes more	this.	
language used			generally studied in		
accurately	To know what was		Year 6.	To know that	
	distinct about			approximately	
To locate key	stone age		To compare the	13,000-20,000	
locations for	settlements.		impact of Pompeii	people died from	
pilgrimage on a			to other	this eruption.	
map.			surrounding areas.		
			Tourism and	To know that the	
			economy.	impact was not just	
				caused by lava but	
			To analyse why	also debris and	
			there are so many	poisonous gas.	
	<u>Pilgrimage</u>		people living in the		
	Mecca		area likely to be		
	Lords		affected if it erupts.		
				To know the	
	To know how and			difference between	
	why people travel.			an active and	
				inactive volcano.	
	To know religious				
	features (human or				
	physical) of these			Consequences of	
	places.			eruptions – specific	
				study	
				Place study -	
				Pompeii	





Y4 Hands on Geography: Summer term fieldwork: Knebworth Village	Mapwork To apply knowledge of longitude and latitude to map reading. To locate countries with a given longitude/latitud e or relation to the equator. To describe the location of a country with reference to: hemisphere, equator, longitude, latitude as appropriate. To recognise common features shared between countries of similar location.	Locational knowledge. Golden Nuggets - To know the significance of the equator on climate. - To know what longitude and latitude are.	Comparison study – region of UK, region of European country, region within N or S America. Trade links 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. Understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region in a European country and a region within North or South America.	Regions studied may vary based on cohort. Place knowledge - Capital cities - Continents - Population - Regions within the country and the specific region the cities are in. - Culture of the cities/region. - Physical geographical features of the region - Human features of the region Mixture of physical and human.	Fieldwork Mapwork To compare ordinance survey maps to online sources and atlases and compare their uses – what would be most useful in different situations. To use fieldwork to observe, measure, record and present the human and physical features of a local area using a range of methods, including sketch maps, plans and graphs and digital technologies.	Golden Nuggets - To know that there are different types of maps - To know that ordinance survey maps are used to navigate an area Ordinance survey maps - <u>Skill based</u> <u>topic.</u> - Knowledge should be of what different maps there are and situations they are useful in, - Real life application of learning. To know that different maps/globes show different features (some show human as well as physical, some just show outlines of continents or countries etc.)	Autumn Climate; equator; northern hemisphere; longitude; latitude. <u>Spring</u> (key vocabulary will be place dependent – places could change based on particular class backgrounds or interests). <u>Summer</u> Human feature; physical feature
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Y5	Maps – locations	WWI links	Tourism and	Mountains and	Mapwork	<u>Biomes</u>	<u>Autumn</u>
	of battles etc.		mountains – link to	looking after the	Fieldwork		North East, South
Hands on			Nepal	planet		Golden Nuggets:	East, South West,
Geography:	To use the 8	Golden Nuggets			To identify the	- To know there	North West.
Potential	points of a	- To know the 8	To independently	Golden Nuggets	position and	are 6 common land	<u>Spring</u>
Mountains VR	compass.	points of a	use 8 points of a	- To know that the	significance of	biomes.	Compass points as
workshop		compass.	compass, four and	summit of a	latitude and	- To know a biomes	in Autumn – able to
(cost	To use four and	- To know that	six figure grid	mountain is cooler.	longitude, equator,	is an area with	use accurately and
dependent)	six figure grid	country	references,	- To know there	Northern	similar	in a variety of
https://ww	references.	boundaries	symbols and key	are 5 main types of	hemisphere,	climate/landscape/	contexts.
w.planmysc		changed after	(including OSM).	mountains.	southern	animals/plants	Fold; faultblock;
hooltrip.co.	To use symbols	WWI.		- To know that	hemisphere, tropics		dome; volcanic;
	and key	- To know that the	To identify the	tourists have both	of cancer and	To know that	plateau
<u>uk/1053/M</u>	(including OSM)	war changed the	position and	a positive and	Capricorn, artic and	biomes are areas	Tourism
<u>ountains-</u>	to build their	environments	significance of	negative impact on	Antarctic, GMT and	of our planet with	<u>Summer</u>
VR-	knowledge of	(trenches/location	latitude and	mountains	time zones of	similar climates,	Longitude, latitude,
Workshop.p	the UK and the	for cemeteries).	longitude, equator,		biome areas.	landscapes,	hemisphere, tropics
hp	wider world.		Northern	To know that the		animals and plants.	of cancer, tropics of
<u> </u>			hemisphere,	climate differs on a	To compare and		Capricorn, arctic,
	To explain the	To know the	<mark>southern</mark>	mountain to the	contrast biomes.	To know the 6	Antarctic, GMT
Biomes –	location of key	location of key	hemisphere, tropics	surrounding area.		different common	zone
create a	battle.	impacted areas.	of cancer and		To analyse why	biomes and a basic	Tundra, Savanna,
biome			Capricorn, artic and	To know the	certain animals live	definition of each.	Rainforest,
DIOTTIE	<mark>To explore the</mark>	To know some	Antarctic, GMT and	different types of	in and plants grow		Grasslands, Desert,
	<mark>impact on the</mark>	ways in which the	time zones	mountains and how	in certain biomes	To know reasons	Taiga,
	<mark>human</mark>	war changed the	(including day and	they are formed.	and not others.	for the locations of	Forest/woodland
	<mark>geography and</mark>	<mark>environments.</mark>	night)			the different	
	<mark>culture of the</mark>			To know to	To recognise key	biomes in the	
	<mark>regions.</mark>	<mark>To know some</mark>	To recognise and	recognise some	features of the	world with ability	
		differences	locate mountains	different mountain	different biomes.	to reference some	
		<mark>between opposing</mark>	<mark>on a map.</mark>	<mark>types.</mark>		<mark>of the key</mark>	
		<mark>forces/countries –</mark>			To analyse the	vocabulary.	
		<mark>ideological,</mark>	To understand and	<mark>To know how</mark>	<mark>biomes humans</mark>		
		<mark>cultural, human</mark>	explain how	<mark>humans have</mark>	<mark>have inhabited and</mark>		
		and physical	different mountain	<mark>changed mountains</mark>	<mark>the reasons.</mark>		
		<mark>geographical</mark>	types were formed	<mark>– tourism impact.</mark>			
		differences.					





	and how to recognise them. To consider the impact of humans on mountains and mountain regions To form a reason opinion on wheth tourism to these regions is positive or negative.	Human geography: Transport Economy and Trade Ier			
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Y6	Maps –	WWII links	Natural disasters	Earthquakes and	Natural Disasters	Fieldwork	Autumn
	To accurately			<u>volcanoes</u>	cont.		Evacuation;
Hands on	locate the	Golden Nuggets	To use maps,			Golden Nuggets	coastline;
Geography:	location of	- To know the	atlases, globes and	To know what the	Possible topics:	- To know that	accessible; cities.
Volcanoes –	battles,	location of key	digital/computer	ring of fire is.	Tsunamis,	routes have a	
make one	where <mark>were</mark>	battles in WW2	mapping to locate		avalanches,	purpose	<u>Spring</u>
	people	and their	countries and	To know what an	tornados.	- To know different	Dormant; geysers;
	evacuated to	geographical	describe their	earthquake is and		modes of transport	ring of fire; fault
	and evaluate	features -	features (<mark>human</mark>	when it is a		impact the	line, tectonic plates
	using both	proximity to sea, in	and <mark>physical</mark>).	<mark>tsunami.</mark>		environment	
	research and	the air etc.	'				<u>Summer</u>
	map skills why	- Local geography	To clearly explain	To know the	Local area	To know what	Scaling; purpose.
	these areas	link – new towns	how and why	connection		makes a route fit	
	were suitable	post WW2.	earthquakes occur.	between	To map a known	for purpose.	
	(<mark>human</mark>	- To describe how		mountains and	area including		Vocabulary from
	geographical	places were	To explain what	volcanoes.	<mark>plotting key</mark>	To know the	previous years to
	<mark>elements to be</mark>	changed by war.	happens when a		features and	different resources	be revisited where
	considered). As		volcano erupts.	To know socio and	considering scales.	that can be used	appropriate and
	well as			<mark>economic reasons</mark>		for planning routes	built upon to gain a
	precautions that	To know key facts	To compare the	why people live in	To use online maps	and which are most	deeper
	were taken to	about evacuees	impact between	high risk areas.	to determine	suitable – i.e. if I	understanding of
	<mark>change certain</mark>	and the	earthquakes and		routes to a given	want route from	meaning and
	aspects (e.g.	geographical	volcano eruption.	Hands on	location – which is	school to local	application.
	lights off to stop	significance –		Geography.	best? What	church a globe will	
	being seen at	where they went,	To consider why		problems might	not be any use.	
	<mark>night)</mark>	why they went	humans still inhabit		there be? (could		
		<mark>there</mark> and did they	<mark>places more likely</mark>		used for routes to		
	To analyse the	adapt the	<mark>to experience</mark>		location of Y6 show		
	geographical	environment to	natural disasters.		etc).		
	aspects of key	protect people.					
	battles and why				To analyse planned		
	they were so	To know the			routes for		
	<mark>important.</mark>	location of key			suitability for		
		battles and their			different groups of		
	To understand	geographical			<mark>people.</mark>		
	<mark>how</mark>	features - proximity					
	<mark>environments</mark>	to sea etc. Use					





were adapted to	previous skills and		<mark>To consider the</mark>	
<mark>help keep</mark>	terminology		environmental	
people safe.	(hemisphere,		impact of different	
	longitude, latitude,		travel methods.	
To describe how	time zone etc.)			
the places were			To evaluate	
changed by war	<mark>To know the</mark>		appropriateness of	
(bombs,	cultural and		different map	
explosives, new	ideological		sources for this	
towns).	differences		purpose.	
	between forces.			
To explore and				
evaluate the				
new towns –	Local geography			
what was there	link – new towns			
before, why	post WWII			
were they	(Stevenage) –			
located where	design and purpose			
they are etc. –				
do they still				
serve the same				
purpose? – how				
have the				
landscapes				
changed.				

Deep Roots