

## **Knowledge Progression in Geography**

## Key Knowledge Area: Locational and place Knowledge

Throughout their school career, a North Downs pupil will								
Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year5	Year 6		
Use the school	Develop further	Name, locate and	Recall locational	Recall locational	Recall locational	Recall locational		
grounds and local	knowledge about	identify the	knowledge from	knowledge from	knowledge from	knowledge from		
area for exploring	the local area,	characteristics of	previous learning.	previous learning	previous learning	previous learning		
our environment.	including the	the four countries		and recognise the	and recognise	and recognise		
How does our	surrounding streets	and capital cities of	Name and locate	different shapes of	different shapes of	different shapes of		
school compare to	and buildings.	the UK .	COUNTIES and	continents.	continents and	continents and		
the nurseries we	Locate their home		different cities of		countries.	countries.		
have come from, or	city.	Name and locate	the UK and the	Name and locate				
our homes?		the surrounding	human and	COUNTIES and	Know location of	Know location of		
	Express own views.	seas of the UK.	physical	different cities	UK counties and	UK counties and		
	What is it like to		characteristics.	(including capital	capital cities and	capital cities and		
	live near or in	Name and locate		cities) of the UK and	seas.	seas		
	Brockham /	the world's seven	Locate Egypt and	the human and				
	Betchworth and	continents and five	describe key	physical	Locate North and	Locate volcanoes in		
	Leigh villages?	oceans.	topographical	characteristics.	South America -	Europe and the rest		
			features.		(rainforests).	of the World.		
	Link their home	Recognise and		Name and locate	Identify the			
	with other places in	describe what an	Compare and	European countries	position and	Name and locate		
	the community.	island is.	contrast ancient	including Italy (and	significance of the	the different		
	(Name, describe		and modern Egypt.	countries you would	Arctic and Antarctic	countries in Europe		
	and compare	Identify and locate		travel through to	Circle.	and their capital		
	familiar places –	hot and cold	Locate human and	get there from the		cities.		
	e.g. Brockham	regions of the	geographical	UK) and some world	Identify the			
	Green,	world. Antarctica,	features in South	countries.	position and	Locate continents		
	Meadowbank, Box	Sahara, etc.	East England		significance of the	and non-European		
	Hill)			Identify tourist	Equator, N. and S.	countries and		
		Understand,	Recognise there	areas in the Alps	Hemisphere,	where North		
	Name, locate and	observe and	are similarities and	and how they affect	Tropics of Cancer	America is located		
	identify the four	describe the	differences	local populations.	and Capricorn.			

countries and	differences	between places in	Reason about the	Locate the equator	and in relation to
capital cities of the	between human	South East England	physical features of	and draw	the UK.
United Kingdom	and physical		an area - and why	conclusions about	
and its surrounding	geography within a	Identify capital	settlers arrived	why countries have	Use maps, atlases,
seas.	study of a UK and	cities of Europe and	there (link to	different climates	globes and
	contrasting	discuss the	Romans). Compare	including the	digital/computer
Begin to name the	location. (e.g.	purposes of a	this with modern	tropics.	mapping to
world's seven	Surrey and Kenya).	capital city and	day migration.		locate countries in
continents and five		form opinions of		Locate largest	North America and
oceans.	Express own views	how this affects	Recognise that	urban areas on a	describe features
	about a place,	population size.	people have	map and use	
Describe the	people and		differing quality of	geographical	Describe the
difference between	environment.		living in differing	symbols e.g.	climate of
land and water.			locations.	contours to identify	mountains and
				flattest and hilliest	describe mountain
			Identify and locate	areas.	life
			the world's longest		
			rivers. Identify	What is it like to	Identify the
			significant rivers in	live near or in	position and
			the UK (and locally –	Brockham /	significance of
			e.g. River Mole as a	Betchworth and	latitude, longitude,
			tributary of the	Leigh villages now,	Equator, Northern
			Thames).	compared to the	Hemisphere,
				past?	Southern
			Question the		Hemisphere, the
			advantages/possible	Compare and map	Tropics of Cancer
			disadvantages of	how land use has	and Capricorn,
			living near a river	changed in local	Arctic and Antarctic
			and the uses of	area over time.	Circle, the
			rivers.		Prime/Greenwich
				Use 4 and 6 figure	Meridian and time
			Compare and	grid references to	zones (including
			contrast 2 different	locate places in the	day and night). 4
			regions within	UK.	and 6 grid
			UK/Europe. What is		references of the
			life like there?	Ask questions e.g.	UK.
				What is this	
				landscape like?	

		Identify the position and significance of latitude/longitude and the Greenwich Meridian, linking with time zones,	Locate key cities within North America and mountain ranges (contours to identify flattest and hilliest areas),
		night and day	rivers and seas.  Identify how location affects trade and settlements.

Key Knowledge Area: Human & Physical Geography
Throughout their school career, a North Downs pupil will...

Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year5	Year 6
Begin to recognise	Use geographical	Use basic	Age and reason	Describe,	Describe and	Understand,
our immediate	vocab to refer to:	geographical	why people might	understand, explain,	understand key	explain,
locality and the	key physical	vocabulary to refer	have wanted to	demonstrate	aspects of: physical	demonstrate
difference between	features including:	to: key physical	settle in certain	understanding of	geography - climate	understanding
the natural and	beach, coast,	features, including:	areas in the Stone	key aspects of	zones, biomes and	make reasoned
manmade	season: weather	beach, cliff, coast,	Age	physical geography	vegetarian belts	judgements about
environment.	key human	forest, hill,		including rivers and	Human geography	– Human
	features, including:	mountain, sea,	Questioning - why	the water cycle	<ul> <li>settlement and</li> </ul>	geography,
Make simple maps	city, town, village,	ocean, river, soil,	do humans settle in	including	land use.	including: types of
and plans,	farm, house and	valley, vegetation,	certain locations?	transpiration.		settlement and
paintings, drawings	shop.	season and			Discuss and reason	land use, economic
and models of		weather -key	Use geographical	Understand, explain	about changes in	activity including
observations of	Categorise human	human features,	vocabulary to refer	how these features	landscape,	child labour, and
known and	and physical	including: city,	to: key physical and	have changed over	including	the distribution of
imaginary	features.	town, village,	human features.	time erosion of	deforestation and	natural resources
landscapes.		factory, farm,		rivers and coasts.	global warming.	including energy,
	Understand and	house, office, port,	Describe key	Identify and locate		food, minerals and
Use garden area to	compare the	harbour and shop	features of coastal	the longest rivers in	Compare the	water. Physical
offer opportunities	difference between		environments and	the world.	rainforests of the	geog - including
to take care of	the natural and					mountains.

plants and plant	manmade	Categorise human	the towns that are	Human geog –	Amazon, Borneo	Name and locate
beds.	environment.	and physical	near them.	including	and the Congo.	the key
		features.		environmental	and the conger	topographical
Shows care and	Verbalise and write		Express opinions	change, flood,	Discuss and	features including
concern for the	about similarities	Discuss, locations	about why people	economic activity,	understand why	coast, features of
environment and	and differences	and the physical	will choose to live	trade links,	people choose to	erosion, hills,
though use of own	between their own	features which	in certain	distribution of	live in extreme	mountains and
garden area.	locality and a rural	make it a desirable	hazardous areas	natural resources	climates.	rivers.
	locality. (Homes	destination.	(cliffs prone to	including energy,		
	around the World).		erosion etc.)	food, minerals and	Discuss how the	Understand in basic
		Reason and explain		water.	rainforests and	terms some of the
	Ask questions and	Identify seasonal			trade are linked,	causes of global
	discuss the	and daily weather		Describe and	and analyse the	warming.
	weather and	in the UK and hot		understand key	environmental	
	seasons.	and cold areas of		aspects of: physical	impact of trade.	Sustainable energy
		the world in		geography,		– wind, water,
	Observe and record	relation to the		Volcanoes and	Reach reasoned	recognise, describe
	<ul><li>seasonal and</li></ul>	Equator and the		earthquakes looking	and informed	and explain ways in
	daily weather in	North and South		at plate tectonics	conclusions and	which it is possible
	the UK.	Poles.		and the ring of fire.	discuss	to live more
					consequences	sustainably both at
	Express opinions	Begin to		Human geography –	(deforestation)	home and at
	about the seasons	understand and		settlements, land		school.
	and relate to	discuss global		use, economic	Show empathy for	
	changes.	warming and its		activity.	those effected by	Consider the
		impact.			deforestation,	locations and
	Discuss global			Discuss how	animals and	climates of where
	warming and how	Show care and		volcanoes affect	humans.	food is grown as
	this can lead to	concern for the		human life e.g.		well as food miles
	extreme weather.	environment.		settlements.	Fairtrade -	and the
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	Show care and			Question, explain	the principles of trade and	impact. (Economic
	concern for the			why do people		activity)
	environment.			choose to continue to live in a volcanic	Fairtrade.	Pocycling and
				area?		Recycling and Sustainability –
				ai Ed!		recognise, describe
						ways in which it is

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## Key Knowledge Area: Geography Skills & Fieldwork

Throughout their school career, a North Downs pupil will...

Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year5	Year 6
Develop awareness	Use world maps,	Use world maps,	Use maps, atlases,	Use maps, atlases,	Use maps, atlases,	Use maps, atlases,
of features of the	atlases and globes	atlases and globes	globes and	globes and	globes and	globes and
environment in the	and Digimaps to	to identify the UK	digital/computer	digital/computer	digital/computer	digital/computer
setting and	identify the United	and its countries,	mapping (Google	mapping (Google	mapping (Google	mapping (Google
immediate local	Kingdom and its	continents, and	Earth, Digimaps) to	Earth, Digimaps) to	Earth, Digimaps) to	Earth), Digimaps to
area.	countries.	oceans Use aerial	locate countries	locate countries and	locate countries	locate countries
		photos and plan	and describe	describe features	and describe	and describe
Provide	Study and	perspectives to	features studied.	studied.	features studied.	features studied.
opportunities to	recognise features	recognise				
record findings by,	in aerial photos	landmarks and	Learn the eight	Learn the eight	Use the eight	Expand map skills
e.g. drawing,		human and	points of a	points of a compass.	points of a	to include non-UK
writing, making a	Use simple	physical features.	compass, 2 figure		compass, four-	countries.
model or	fieldwork to	Devise a simple	grid reference,	Use OS maps to	figure and six figure	
photographing.	observe and record	map and use and	some basic symbols	explore four-figure	grid references,	Confidently use
	information and	construct symbols	and key (including	grid references, to	symbols and key	fieldwork to
Observe and record	observational skills	in a key.	the use of a	locate and describe	(including the use	observe, measure
information about	to study the		simplified	features .	of Ordnance Survey	and record the
the school locality.	geography of their	Use simple			maps) to build their	human and physical
	school and its	fieldwork to	Use photographs,	Use fieldwork to	knowledge of the	features in the local
Take photos and	grounds and the	observe and record	Ordnance Survey	observe, measure	UK in the past and	area accurately
explain. Study	key human and	information	maps, and other	and record the	present.	using a range of
aerial photographs.	physical features of	(human and	mapping resources	human and physical		methods, including
	its surrounding	physical) and study	to build their	features in the local	Confidently use	sketch maps with
	environment.	the geography of	knowledge of the	area using a range	fieldwork to	keys, plans and

Use directional	Ask simple	our local area	United Kingdom	of methods,	observe, measure	graphs, and digital
language [for	geographical	including the city	and the wider	including more	and record the	technologies.
example, near and	questions e.g.	centre and the	world.	accurate maps (with	human and physical	
far; left and right],	What is it like to	Hoe. Use simple	Begin to use	more complex	features in the local	Use widening
to follow a route in	live in this place?	compass directions	fieldwork to	keys), plans and	area with	geographical terms
the school grounds		(North, South, East	observe and record	graphs, and digital	increasing accuracy	such as urban,
	Use simple maps of	and West) and	the human and	technologies.	using a range of	rural, land use,
	the local area e.g.	locational and	physical features in		methods, including	sustainability, trade
	large scale, pictorial	directional	the local area using	Compare how river	sketch maps with	links, etc.
		language [for	a range of	use has changed	keys, plans and	
	Make simple maps	example, near and	methods, including	over time.	graphs, and digital	Undertake surveys
	and plans e.g.	far; left and right],	sketch maps		technologies.	in the local area
	pictorial place in a	to describe the	symbols & keys,	Undertake a river		(land use, traffic,
	story. Understand	location of features	plans and graphs,	walk and	Explore and map	sustainability).
	how some places	and routes on a	and digital	investigations along	the local	
	are linked to others	map.	technologies.	the River Mole.	environment	Communicate and
	by roads, trains.				(Brockham village)	present findings
	Dorking, Box Hill,	Observe and record	Communicate	Explore features on		through maps,
	and surrounding	features around	findings through	an OS map.		reports, graphs and
	villages.	the school e.g. the	maps, reports and	Use the language of		drawings.
		different types of	drawings.	rivers e.g. erosion,		
	Use simple	plants, the animals,		transportation.		
	compass directions	litter and plastics,	Use simple	Explain and present		
	(North, South, East	traffic survey,	orienteering	the process of		
	and West) and	noticing the	activities in the	rivers.		
	locational and	physical and	school grounds to			
	directional	human features	consolidate			
	language [for	within this	symbols and their			
	example, near and	environment.	use in their own			
	far; left and right],		mapping work.			
	to describe the					
	location of features		Map and follow a			
	and routes on a		journey in the local			
	map.		area.			