Anston Greenlands Primary School – Geography Skills Progression Document

Year group	Geographical skills	Fieldwork skills
FS2	Follow simple directions (Up, down, left/right, forwards/backwards).	Talk about where they live.
	Follow directions with a small toy.	Talk about the area they are in, describing what they can see.
	Direct a friend from point A to B using positional language.	Can see.
		Explore the local area and identify both the built and
	Comment and ask questions about aspects of their familiar environment such as the place where they live or the natural world.	the natural environment.
	Express their opinions on natural and built environments.	
	Talk about the different countries of the UK.	
	Be able to comment on the country they live in.	
	Be able to compare and say what is the same/different about a country's physical or human geography.	
	Comment on how what we wear changes with where we are.	
	Choose the correct clothes for certain activities such as play in the woods.	
	Draw and create their own maps using real objects, and/or pictures and symbols.	

Be able to talk about a range of real maps, electronic globes and maps, maps of the classroom/school, village, park and story maps.	
Be able to find land and sea on a map.	
Follow a simple map of a familiar place.	
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Y1/2	Use maps, atlases and globes to identify their locality and other key features e.g. land/sea/capital cities.	Use simple fieldworking and observational skills to study the key human and physical features of the school and local environment.
	Use an atlas to identify the UK and its countries.	
	Use an atlas to identify other countries studied e.g. Australia.	
	Use aerial photographs to recognise landmarks and basic human and physical features	
	Use simple compass directions (North, South, East and West) and locational and directional language [for example, near and far; left	
	and right], to describe the location of features and routes on a map.	
	Devise a simple map; and use and construct basic symbols in a key.	
Y3/4	Use maps and atlases to locate continents and countries. Use maps and atlases to locate countries in Europe.	Use fieldwork to observe, measure, record and present the human and physical features in the local area including sketch maps, plans and graphs, and digital
	Use a map to identify and describe features studied, specifically climate zones.	technologies.
	Use the eight points of a compass.	
	Use four-figure grid reference, symbols and keys to build knowledge of the wider world.	
	Compare the different climate zones and be able to know what climate zone the UK is in.	

Y5/6		Use fieldwork to observe, measure, record and present
	Use globes and digital/computer mapping (Google Earth) to locate countries.	the human and physical features
		Use fieldwork to create sketch maps.
	Use maps, atlases and digital/computer mapping to locate and describe	
	features of UK countries and the wider world e.g. mountain ranges,	Identify and give reasons for changes in land use
	weather patterns.	patterns.
	Use map skills to locate features using four and six-figure grid references,	Children focus on observing and recording the
	symbols and keys.	changes of human features over time.
	Use the eight points of a compass and map keys to build knowledge of the	
	UK.	