Rockmount Primary School
Skills Progression Document
Geography

	Geography									
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6				
Geographical Enquiry	 Teacher led enquiries, to ask and respond to simple closed questions Use information books/pictures as sources of information Investigate their surroundings Make observations about where things are e.g. within school or local area 	 Children encouraged to ask simple geographical questions; Where is it? What's it like? Use NF books, stories, maps, pictures/photos and internet as sources of information Investigate their surroundings Make appropriate observations about why things happen Make simple comparisons between features of different places 	Begin to ask/initiate geographical questions Use NF books, stories, atlases, pictures/photos and internet as sources of information Investigate places and themes at more than one scale Begin to collect and record evidence Analyse evidence and begin to draw conclusions e.g. make comparisons between two locations using photos/pictures, temperatures in different locations	Ask and respond to questions and offer their own ideas Extend to satellite images, aerial photographs Investigate places and themes at more than one scale Collect and record evidence with some aid Analyse evidence and draw conclusions e.g. make comparisons between locations photos/pictures/ maps	Begin to suggest questions for investigating Begin to use primary and secondary sources of evidence in their investigations Investigate places with more emphasis on the larger scale; contrasting and distant places Collect and record evidence unaided Analyse evidence and draw conclusions e.g. compare historical maps of varying scales e.g. temperature of various locations - influence on people/everyday life	Suggest questions for investigating Use primary and secondary sources of evidence in their investigations Investigate places with more emphasis on the larger scale; contrasting and distant places Collect and record evidence unaided Analyse evidence and draw conclusions e.g. from field work data on land use comparing land use/temperature, look at patterns and explain the reasons behind them				
Direction/ Location	Follow directions (Up, down, left/right, forwards /backwards)	 Follow directions (as yr 1 and inc'. NSEW) 	Use 4 compass points to follow/give directions Begin to use the eight points of a compass Use letter/no. co-ordinates to locate features on a map	To use the eight points of a compass to describe the location of features and routes on a map Use letter/no. co-ordinates to locate features on a map confidently	To use four and six-figure grid references to build their knowledge of the United Kingdom and the wider world	To select and give reasons for which method they would use to help them in certain tasks to build their knowledge of the United Kingdom and the wider world				
Drawing Maps	Draw picture maps of imaginary places and from stories	Draw a map of a real or imaginary place. (e.g. add detail to a sketch map from aerial photograph)	Try to make a map of a short route experienced, with features in correct order Try to make a simple scale drawing	Make a map of a short route experienced, with features in correct order Make a simple scale drawing	Begin to draw a variety of thematic maps based on their own data	Draw a variety of thematic maps based on their own data Begin to draw plans of increasing complexity				
Representation	Use own symbols on imaginary map	Begin to understand the need for a key Use class agreed symbols to make a simple key	Know why a key is needed. Use standard symbols	Know why a key is needed. Begin to recognise symbols on an OS map	Draw a sketch map using symbols and a key Use/recognise OS map symbols	Use/recognise OS map symbols Use atlas symbols				

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Using Maps	Use a simple picture map to move around the school	Follow a route on a map. Use a plan view Use an infant atlas to locate places	Locate places on larger scale maps e.g. map of Europe. Follow a route on a map with some accuracy (e.g. whilst orienteering)	Locate places on large scale maps, (e.g. Find UK or India on globe) Follow a route on a large scale map	Compare maps with aerial photographs Select a map for a specific purpose. (E.g. Pick atlas to find Taiwan, OS map to find local village.) Begin to use atlases to find out about other features of places. (e.g. find wettest part of the world)	Follow a short route on an OS map. Describe features shown on OS map Locate places on a world map Use atlases to find out about other features of places. (e.g. mountain regions, weather patterns)
Scale/ Distance	Use relative vocabulary (e.g. bigger/smaller, like/dislike)	Begin to spatially match places (e.g. recognise UK on a small scale and larger scale map)	Begin to match boundaries (E.g. find same boundary of a country on different scale maps.)	Begin to match boundaries (E.g. find same boundary of a county on different scale maps.)	 Measure straight line distance on a plan Find/recognise places on maps of different scales. (E.g. river Nile.) 	Use a scale to measure distances Draw/use maps and plans at a range of scales
Map Knowledge	Learn names of some places within/around the UK. E.g. Home town, cities, countries e.g. Wales, France	Locate and name on UK map major features e.g. London, River Thames, home location, seas	Begin to identify points on maps A,B and C	Begin to identify significant places and environments	Identify significant places and environments	Confidently identify significant places and environments
Style of Map	Picture maps and globes	Find land/sea on globe Use teacher drawn base maps Use large scale OS maps Use an infant atlas	Use large scale OS maps Begin to use map sites on internet Begin to use junior atlases Begin to identify features on aerial/oblique photographs	Use large and medium scale OS maps Use junior atlases Use map sites on internet. Identify features on aerial/oblique photographs	Use index and contents page within atlases Use medium scale land ranger OS maps	Use OS maps Confidently use an atlas. Recognise world map as a flattened globe
Fieldwork	Use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of the school and its grounds and the local park	Use simple fieldwork to identify and the key human and physical features of the local environment	Use fieldwork to observe and measure the human and physical features of the local environment	Use fieldwork to observe, measure and record the human and physical features in the local environment	Use fieldwork to observe, measure and record the human and physical features in the local area using a range of methods, including sketch maps, plans and graphs	To use fieldwork to observe, measure and record the human and physical features in the local area using a range of methods, including sketch maps, plans and graphs, and digital technologies To present their findings