

Willow Bank Primary School Skills Progression

Subject area: Geography

Key Skills
UK and Locality
Knowledge of the world
Subject-specific vocabulary

Skill	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6		
Geographical Skills and Fieldwork	Use maps, atlases and globes to identify the continents and oceans studied at this key stage.	Use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the United Kingdom and its countries.	Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied.	Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping (Google Earth) to locate countries and describe features studied.	Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping (Google Earth) to locate countries and describe features studied.	Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping (Google Earth) to locate countries and describe features studied.		
	Use locational and directional language (eg, near and far, left and right), Describe the location of features and routes on maps.	Use simple compass directions (North, East, South and West), to describe the location of features and routes on a map.	Use the eight points of a compass, four and six-figure grid references, symbols and key (including the use of Ordnance Survey maps) to build their knowledge of the United Kingdom and the wider world.	Learn the eight points of a compass, and four-figure grid references.	Use the eight points of a compass, begin to use six-figure grid references, symbols and key (including the use of Ordnance Survey maps) to build their knowledge of the United Kingdom in the past and present.	Extend to 6 figure grid references with teaching of latitude and longitude in depth. Expand map skills to include non-UK countries.		
	Use photographs to recognise landmarks and basic human and physical features; devise simple picture maps.	Use aerial photographs and plan perspectives to recognise landmarks and basic human and physical features: devise a simple map; and use and construct basic symbols in a key.						
	Use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of their school and its grounds.	Use fieldwork and observational skills to study the key human and physical features of	Use fieldwork to observe, measure and record the human and physical features in the local area using a range of	Use fieldwork to observe, measure and record the human and physical features in the local area using a range	Use fieldwork to observe, measure and record the human and physical features in the local area using a range of methods,	Use fieldwork to observe, measure and record the human and physical features in the local area using a range of		

	the schools surrounding areas.	methods, including sketch maps, plans and graphs, and digital technologies.	of methods, including sketch maps, plans and graphs, and digital technologies.	including sketch maps, plans and graphs, and digital technologies.	methods, including sketch maps, plans and graphs, and digital technologies.
Use a simple picture map to move around the school.	Follow a route on a map.	Follow a route on a map with some accuracy.	Follow a route on a large scale map.		Follow a short route on a OS map.
Use relative vocabulary such as bigger, smaller, like, dislike.				Compare maps with aerial photographs.	
Draw basic maps, including appropriate symbols and pictures to represent places or		Try to make a map of a short route experience.		Begin to use atlases to find out other information.	Use atlases to find out data about other places.
features.				Identify the position and significance of lines of longitude and latitude.	Use lines of longitude and latitude on maps.