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Locational Knowledge	Year 4 Unit 1: The Americas	Year 5 Unit 2: Europe – A Study of the	Year 6 Unit 1: South America – The	
	Year 4 Unit 3: Earthquakes and Volcanoes	Alpine Region	Amazon	
Y5, Y6: Locate the world's countries, using maps	Year 4 Unit 2: Rivers and the Water Cycle	Year 5 Unit 1: Changes in our Local	Year 6 Unit 2: Protecting the	
to focus on Europe (including the location of		Environment	Environment	
Russia) and North and South America,	End of Year 4, expected:		Year 6 Unit 3: Our World in the Future	
concentrating on their environmental regions,	Can locate some countries in Europe, North and	End of Year 5, expected:		
key physical and human characteristics,	South America on a map or atlas, and relate	Can describe key physical and human	End of Year 6, expected:	
countries, and major cities	them to longitude, latitude and hemisphere	characteristics and environmental regions	Can locate cities, countries and regions	
	(e.g. Italy, Ecuador).	of Europe.	of South America on physical and	
Y5, Y6: Name and locate counties and cities of	Can relate continent, country, state and city.		political maps.	
the United Kingdom, geographical regions and	Can identify states in North America using a	Can locate and describe several physical	Can describe key physical and human	
their identifying human and physical	map (e.g. using the words of the song 'Route	environments in the UK, e.g. coastal and	characteristics and environmental	
characteristics, key topographical features	66', locate the places mentioned on a map of	mountain environments, and how they	regions of South America (e.g. the	
(including hills, mountains, coasts and rivers),	the USA to show a route across the USA and	change (e.g. season to season).	Amazon Basin).	
and land-use patterns, and understand how	describe the route).		Can identify and locate a national or	
some of these aspects have changed over time.	Can use a map to locate some states of the USA		international environmental issue and	
	(e.g. California).		explain why it is an issue	
Y5, Y6: Identify the position and significance of	Can use a map or atlas to locate some countries			
latitude, longitude, equator, northern	and cities in Europe or North and South		Can name and locate types of industry	
hemisphere, southern hemisphere, the Tropics of	America.		in the area and give reasons why they	
Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic Circle,			have changed over time.	
the Prime/Greenwich Meridian and time zones	Can locate and label the main British rivers on a		Can describe and give reasons for local	
(including day and night).	map of the British Isles and add the names of		land use and suggest how this might	
	settlements at the mouth of the rivers.		change in the future.	
Y3, Y4: Locate the world's countries, using maps	Can describe a river and mountain environment			
to focus on Europe (including the location of	in the UK, using appropriate geographical		Can describe the location of South	
Russia) and North and South America,	vocabulary.		America and Amazon Basin, the UK,	
concentrating on their environmental regions,			latitude, hemisphere, etc.	
key physical and human characteristics,	Can describe and compare the physical and			
countries, and major cities	human characteristics of some regions in North			
	or South America.			
Y3, Y4: Name and locate counties and cities of	Can offer explanations for the similarities and			
the United Kingdom, geographical regions and	differences between some regions in North or			
their identifying human and physical	South America (e.g. relate to north and south			
characteristics, key topographical features	hemispheres and distance from the equator)			
(including hills, mountains, coasts and rivers),				



and land-use patterns, and understand how some of these aspects have changed over time. Y3,Y4: Identify the position and significance of latitude, longitude, equator, northern hemisphere, southern hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic Circle, the Prime/Greenwich Meridian and time zones (including day and night).	Can use an atlas to locate volcanoes and locations of earthquakes and describe the position of the Pacific Ocean, mountain chains, etc.		
Y5, Y6: Understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom, a region in a European country, and a region within North or South America. Y3, Y4: Understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom, a region in a European country, and a region within North or South America.	Year 4 Unit 1: The Americas Can identify and sequence a range of (North and/or South American) settlement sizes from a village to a city. Can describe the characteristics of settlements with different functions. Can describe and compare the physical and human characteristics of some regions in North or South America. Offer explanations for the similarities and differences between some regions in North or South America. Can describe how the human and physical characteristics are connected for one or two regions in North or South America (e.g. using photos, information sheets and Google Earth, record information about several cities in North America and South America and their surrounding areas, select two cities and their surrounding areas to compare, drawing out human and physical characteristics, differences and similarities).	Year 5 Unit 1: Changes in our Local Environment Year 5 Unit 2: Europe – A Study of the Alpine Region End of Year 5, expected: Can locate the UK's major urban areas, knowing some of their distinct characteristics and how some of these have changed over time. Can describe how a (local) region has changed and how it is different from another region of the UK. Can give information about a region of Europe and its physical environment, climate and economic activity. Know that human activity is influenced by climate and weather and can give examples. Can describe hazards from physical environments and their management, such as avalanches in mountain regions.	Year 6 Unit 1: South America – The Amazon End of Year 6, expected: Can describe similarities and differences in life in cities and in villages and in a range of settlement sizes, and give some reasons. Can illustrate how human activity is influenced by climate and weather. Can describe and begin to explain several threats to wildlife/habitats (e.g. in the Amazon Basin).
Human and Physical Geography	Year 4 Unit 2: Rivers and the Water Cycle	Year 5 Unit 2: Europe – A Study of the	Year 6 Unit 1: South America – The
	Year 4 Unit 3: Earthquakes and Volcanoes	Alpine Region	Amazon
Y5, Y6: Describe and understand key aspects of physical geography, including climate zones,	Year 4 Unit 2: Rivers and the Water Cycle	Year 5 Unit 3: Journeys – Trade	Year 6 Unit 2: Protecting the
			Environment Year 6 Unit 3: Our World in the Future



biomes and vegetation belts, rivers, mountains,
volcanoes and earthquakes, and the water cycle.

Y5, Y6: Describe and understand key aspects of human geography including types of settlement and land use, economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water.

Y3, Y4: Describe and understand key aspects of physical geography, including climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts, rivers, mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes, and the water cycle.

Y3, Y4: Describe and understand key aspects of human geography including types of settlement and land use, economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water.

Can use simple geographical vocabulary to describe significant physical features of rivers and talk about how they change.

Can describe a river and mountain environment in the UK, using appropriate geographical vocabulary.

Can describe the water cycle in sequence, using appropriate vocabulary, and name some of the processes associated with rivers and mountains.

Can give reasons why physical processes can cause hazards to people, e.g. flooding, earthquakes, etc.

Can describe some advantages and disadvantages of living in hazard-prone areas (eg dangers of rivers and mountains). Can use simple geographical vocabulary to describe significant physical features and talk about how they change. Can describe a volcano, volcanic eruption and an earthquake (e.g. make a working model of a volcano, label its features and explain what happens when it erupts).

Can describe the characteristics of (North American) settlements with different functions. Can use appropriate vocabulary to describe the main land uses within urban areas and identify the key characteristics of rural areas (e.g. using Google Earth, atlases and images, research several major cities in North and South America and identify how they are different and similar).

Can describe and understand a range of key physical processes and the resulting landscape features.

Can describe how a mountain region was formed.

Can explain some ways biomes (including the oceans) are valuable, why they are under threat and how they can be protected.

Can describe and begin to explain hazards from physical environments and their management, such as avalanches in mountain regions.

Can describe what the climate of a region is like and how plants and animals are adapted to it (e.g. in the Alps).
Can describe key physical and human characteristics and environmental regions of Europe (e.g. the Alps).

Can describe key physical and human characteristics and environmental regions of Europe.

Can describe how food production is influenced by climate.

Know that products we use are imported as well as locally produced.

Can name our energy sources and natural resources.

End of Year 6, expected:

Can begin to explain how climate and vegetation are connected in biomes, e.g. the tropical rainforest.
Can describe what the climate of a region is like and how plants and animals are adapted to it (e.g. in the Amazon rainforest).

Can compare the Amazon and Alpine regions, identifying similarities and differences.

Can identify some ways biomes (including the oceans) are valuable, why they are under threat and how they can be protected.

Can describe key aspects of human geography including economic activity (e.g. the distribution of natural resources including timber).
Can identify and justify deforestation as an environmental issue.
Can describe where our energy and natural resources come from.
Can identify as environmental issues, and begin to explain, several threats to wildlife/habitats (e.g. deforestation).

Geographical skill and fieldwork

Y5, Y6: Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied.

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Year 5 Unit 1: Changes in our Local Environment

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Year 6 Unit 1: South America – The Amazon

Year 6 Unit 2: Protecting the

Environment

Year 6 Unit 3: Our World in the Future



Y5, Y6: Use the eight points of a compass, four/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.

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Y3, Y4: Use fieldwork to observe, measure, record and present the human and physical features in the local area using a range of methods, including sketch maps, plans and graphs, and digital technologies.

Can use a map or atlas (including index) to locate some countries and cities in Europe, North and South America.

Can use a map to locate some states of the USA (e.g. use an atlas to locate places and be able to describe the location of the place using a nested hierarchy).

Can relate continent, country, state and city. Can identify states in North America using a map (e.g. using the words of the song 'Route 66', locate the places mentioned on a map of the USA to show a route across the USA and describe the route).

Can use the zoom function of a digital map to locate places (e.g. using Google Earth, starting at Denver, Colorado, near to the centre of the USA – zoom out to identify states and cities of the USA and locate them on a map).

Can use the zoom function of a digital map to locate places (e.g. global rivers and mountain ranges, locations of earthquakes and volcanoes).

Can give direction instructions up to eight compass points.

Can make a map of a route with features in the correct order and in the correct places.

In a group, can carry out fieldwork in the local area selecting appropriate techniques (e.g. to create a river in the playground using natural materials, use a watering can to form the river, observe and record what happens to the water over different materials, take photographs and label with key river features and processes).

End of Year 5, expected:

Can locate and describe several physical environments in the UK.

Can locate the UK's major urban areas.
Can use maps to locate the Alps and identify the physical features of the region.

Can use base maps to create their own maps of the Alpine region.

Can use maps to locate places and countries that locally available products come from.

Can describe maps of the local area, using appropriate geographical vocabulary and conventions (e.g. grid references, compass directions).

Can use fieldwork to investigate key questions and begin to answer them.
Can use fieldwork to observe and describe local human and physical features and compare them with those in the Alps.
Can record/list products available locally and say whether they are produced locally and/or imported.

End of Year 6, expected:

Can locate Brazil and the Amazon Basin and River and describe features studied.

Can use a range of resources to locate national and global environmental issues.

Can use digital maps to investigate and describe features of an area.

Can use and talk about a variety of maps of South America and Brazil, using appropriate geographical vocabulary and conventions (e.g. compass directions, symbols).
Can describe locations of local, national and global environmental issues using appropriate locational vocabulary, and using the conventions of OS maps for UK issues.
Can make sketch maps of the local area using symbols, a key and a scale.

Can use fieldwork (e.g. in a forest or woodland) to observe, describe and record the environment and create a sketch map, using symbols and key. Can present information gathered in fieldwork using a range of graphs and other simple forms, including digital.

