

Geography Knowledge Ladder

In year	I need to
Year 6	 Know how physical and human geographical features can affect the human activity within a location. Understand some of the reasons for geographical similarities and differences between countries. Know how locations around the world are changing and explain some of the reasons for change.
Year 5	 Know some major cities within countries in Europe, North America and South America. Know the position and significance of latitude, longitude, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic Circle, the Prime/Greenwich Meridian. Have a more detailed understanding of physical geography: Rivers, coasts, the water cycle, climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts.
Year 4	 Know the names, locations, countries and some capital cities within Europe, North America and South America. Have an understanding of time zones. Have a more detailed understanding of an aspect of physical geography: mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes.
Year 3	 Know the names and locations of countries in Europe including Russia. Know the names and locations of counties and cities of the United Kingdom Know that the world is split into the Northern Hemisphere and Southern Hemisphere















Year 2	 Know the names and locations of the 5 oceans and the seven continents Know the names and locations of the UK's capital cities and surrounding seas. Know the difference between human and physical geographical features.
Year 1	 Know the names and locations of the 7 continents. Understand that people's lives can be different in different parts of the world. Know the names and locations of the UK's countries. Know that places near the Equator are often hot and places close to the poles are often cold.
Reception	
Nursery	











