

Menston Primary School Geography Long-Term Overview 2023-24



EYFS

In EYFS at MPS, geography learning occurs predominantly through child-led exploration of the world around them, particularly in relation to towns and the countryside. At MPS, our EYFS children also have a geography-driven unit called 'Off on a journey' in which they children will learn about different kinds of journeys, to school, on local transport and even into space.

The Early Learning Goal 'The Natural World' and 'People, Culture and Communities' particularly prepare children for geography learning:

- Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants.
- Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class.
- Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter.
- Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, non-fiction texts and maps.
- Know some similarities and differences between different religious and cultural communities in this country, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class.
- Explain some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries, drawing on knowledge from stories, non-fiction texts and (when appropriate) maps.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Autumn Term	<p>What is special about my journey to school?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is different about human and physical geography features? • Can you name physical/human geography features on your journey to school? • Can you name different ways people get to school? How could you find this out and record it? • Can you give directions from somewhere in the village to school? • Can you draw a sketch map of this journey? 	<p>What is my community in Menston like?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which physical/human geography features are there in Menston? • How much rain falls in Menston in any given season? • What is the warmest season in Menston and in what season might you expect snow? • What jobs do people do in Menston what can you do in Menston? • What country and continent is Menston in? • What united country does England make up with 3 other countries? 	<p>What settlements are in and near Yorkshire?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What county do you live in and what is it divided into? • Name 3 counties that border Yorkshire. • Name 3 major cities in Yorkshire • What topographic features can you identify on a map? • What is a national park? • What are the main land-use patterns in Yorkshire and how has this changed over time? 	<p>What is the significance of mountains?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can you name three significant mountain ranges and their country and continent? • How can you tell where mountain ranges are on maps? • How were the Himalayan mountains formed? • What physical/human features would you find in a mountainous region? • How do mountains affect weather? • How do mountains shape the economy of Everest compared to Mont Blanc? 	<p>Is South America all the same?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can you identify the major lines of latitude and longitude on a map and explain their significance? • What environmental regions are there in South America? Can you name and locate some countries, major cities and key human/physical characteristics in South America? • Where in South America are different natural resources found? • What does South America export and where to? • How does agriculture in Yorkshire compare 	<p>How is the land divided into biomes?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can you name and locate five different biomes across the globe and describe their position? • What is it like in different biomes? • Are there any patterns to the distribution of biomes within the world? • Are there any anomalies in the location of specific biomes and why do these occur? • How do humans adapt to live in different biomes? • How has plant and animal life adapted to live in different biomes?

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Spring	<p>What is the UK?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What 4 countries make up the UK and can you name some of their features? • What, village country and continent do you live in? • Can you name the seas around the UK? • What are the 4 compass points? • What are the capital cities of the 4 countries of the UK? • What is it called where the land meets the sea? 	<p>What lies beyond the UK?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the seven continents called? • What are the 5 oceans called? • Which ocean freezes? • What are the very top and bottom parts of the globe called and what is the weather like here? • Where is the equator and what is the weather like there? 	<p>What is the difference between woodland and rainforest?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can you name three countries that have tropical rainforests? • What are the two tropical lines of latitude and why do tropical rainforests occur here? • What is a deciduous woodland? What kinds of vegetation would you find in a native deciduous woodland in the UK? • What is deforestation and why might people cut down tropical rainforests? • What is forest regeneration? • Compare tropical rainforest with deciduous woodland in the UK. What average temperatures, rainfall and flora and fauna would you expect in each place? 	<p>How important are river systems and what do they do?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where does the river Wharfe go? • Can you name three major river systems and the country that they are in? • What key features do river systems have? • Can you describe the process of a river system? • Can you explain the water cycle? • What do humans use rivers for? 	<p>Why do people live near volcanoes? Is the magnitude of an earthquake the only factor in the destruction it causes?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can you name two tectonic plates and can you name the two kinds of tectonic plate? Why do tectonic plates move? • Where does most volcanic activity occur in the world and why, including the two kinds of plate boundary? (address misconception that not all in hot areas). • Why do people live near active volcanoes despite the danger? • What plate boundaries often cause earthquakes and why? How are earthquakes measured? • What secondary hazards occur as a result of earthquakes, how do they affect settlements and how can humans prepare? 	<p>What is special about North America?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can I identify the countries of North America? • What are the human geography characteristics of New York, New York? • Why do tourists visit Florida? • Compare and contrast two or more national parks within North America (e.g Banff National Park in Canada and Sipacate-Naranjo National Park in Guatemala) • Compare and contrast the human and physical geography of Mexico City and Nuuk, including the different time zones. • What makes Costa Rica so unique?

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Summer	<p>When should I visit the seaside?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can you name physical/human features near the seaside? • What can you do at a rural beach location in Yorkshire? • What can you do in a built up urban beach location in Yorkshire? • When would you visit the seaside and why? • How do we measure temperature and how hot or cold do our beaches get? 	<p>How does Menston compare with the Rio de Janeiro?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What continent is Rio de Janeiro in and what physical/human features can you identify there? • How much rain falls in Menston compared to Rio de Janeiro? • What important lines of latitude run through Brazil and how does this affect the weather? • What are the seasons like in Rio De Janeiro? • What can you do in Rio De Janeiro? (leisure/jobs) • What is similar/different between Rio de Janeiro and Menston? 	<p>What attracts visitors to Europe?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can you name 5 European countries and their capital cities? What continent is Russia in? • Where in Europe would you find: large mountains, a long river, a coastline, freezing temperatures? • What challenges do time zones create for people travelling in Europe? • What human and physical geographical benefits are there for tourism in the Mediterranean, for example Rome? • What environmental impact do cruises have on marine biomes? 	<p>What is the impact of a glacier?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is a glacier, where do they occur and why? • Where did the Norber erratics come from and how did they end up where they are? <p>Where does our energy come from?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why is energy important? • What is renewable energy? • How does the United Kingdom generate energy? • What is the best way to generate energy? • Where is the best place for a solar panel on the school grounds? 	<p>Why do oceans matter?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do we use our oceans? • What is the Great Barrier Reef? • Why are our oceans suffering? • What can we do to help our oceans? • How littered is our marine environment? 	<p>Why does population change?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How is the global population changing? • What are birth and death rates? • Why do people migrate? • How is climate change impacting the population? • How is population impacting our environment?