Key Learning in Geography: Years 5 and 6

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Locational knowledge

- Locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on Europe (including the location of Russia) and North and South America.
- Name and locate counties and cities of the United Kingdom.
- 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).

Place knowledge

- A region of the United Kingdom.
- A region in a European country.
- A region within North or South America.

Human and Physical Geography

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

Skills

Mapping

- Use a wide range of maps, atlases, globes and digital maps to locate countries and features studied.
- Relate different maps to each other and to aerial photos.
- Begin to understand the differences between maps e.g. Google maps vs. Google Earth, and OS maps.
- Choose the most appropriate map/globe for a specific purpose.
- Follow routes on maps describing what can be seen.
- Interpret and use thematic maps.
- Understand that purpose, scale, symbols and style are related.
- Recognise different map projections.
- Identify, describe and interpret relief features on OS maps.
- Use six figure coordinates.
- Use latitude/longitude in a globe or atlas.
- Create sketch maps using symbols and a key.
- Use a wider range of OS symbols including 1:50K symbols.
- Know that different scale OS maps use some different symbols.
- Use models and maps to discuss land shape i.e. contours and slopes.
- Use the scale bar on maps.
- Read and compare map scales.
- Draw measured plans.

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Enquiry and InvestigationAsk and answer questions that are

directions and instructions.

Observe, measure and record human and physical features using a range of methods including sketch maps, cameras and other digital technologies e.g. data loggers to record (e.g. weather) at

places.

Interpret data collected and present the information in a variety of ways including charts

different times and in different

Use eight cardinal points to give

Fieldwork

places.

and graphs.

Communication

- Identify and explain increasing complex geographical features, processes (changes), patterns, relationships and ideas.
- Use more precise geographical language relating to the physical and human processes detailed in the PoS e.g. tundra, coniferous/deciduous forest when learning about biomes.
- Communicate geographical information in a variety of ways including through maps, diagrams, numerical and quantitative skills and writing at increasing length.
- Develop their views and attitudes to critically evaluate responses to local geographical issues or events in the news e.g. for/against arguments relating to the proposed wind farm.

Use of ICT / technology

- Use appropriate search facilities when locating places on digital/online maps and websites.
- Use wider range of labels and measuring tools on digital maps.
- Start to explain satellite imagery.
- Use and interpret live data e.g. weather patterns, location and timing of earthquakes/volcanoes etc.
- Collect and present data electronically e.g. through the use of electronic questionnaires/surveys.
- Communicate geographical information electronically e.g. multimedia software, webpage, blog, poster or app.
- Investigate electronic links with schools/children in other places e.g. email/video communication.

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