

## EYFS: The Natural World

Children begin their observation of the world around them through personal and in class experiences. They are made aware of some differences and similarities between the natural world around them and contrasting environments. There are then opportunities for children to understand different natural processes like the seasons and changing states of matter.

### Year 1 Our Wonderful World

In this skills-based unit the children will learn about physical and human features of a locality. They will learn to use positional and directional language, the names of the continents and oceans of the world and different types of settlements. The children will be introduced to simple maps. They will also carry out a local area enquiry, collecting data on the different human and physical features in the local area.

### Year 1 Bright Lights, Big City

The children will build on their knowledge of the local area, learning about the physical and human features of the United Kingdom. This includes naming the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas. They will find out about landmarks and what makes London a city. The children will practice using directional language and will look at similarities and differences between London and Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia.

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# Our Geography Learning Journey

### Year 4 The Americas

Through this topic the children will learn about compass points and six-figure grid references. They will learn about the tropics and the countries, climates and culture of North and South America. Children will focus on Brazil and compare life there to life in the UK.

### Year 4 Misty Mountain, Winding River

The children will explore the characteristics and features of rivers and mountain ranges around the world. They will look at the ecosystems and processes that shape them and the land around them. The children will also learn about the water cycle.

### Year 3 Rocks, Relics and Rumbles

Children will learn about the features and characteristics of the Earth's layers, including a detailed exploration of volcanic, tectonic and seismic activity. They will learn about fossil formation and the lasting effects that earthquakes, volcanoes and tsunamis can have on the environment.

## Skills Unit

## Application Unit

### Year 5 Investigating our World

Year 5 children will learn about locating map features using a range of methods. They will learn about the Prime Meridian, Greenwich Mean Time and worldwide time zones. They will also learn about contour lines and the world's biomes, climate zones and vegetation belts. They will learn about the different types of settlements found in the UK and carry out a local enquiry to determine what type of settlement we live in.

### Year 5 Sow, Grow and Farm

The children will learn about the features and characteristics of land use in agricultural regions across the world. They will look at how far food travels across the world and the main suppliers of the food that we eat in the UK.

### Year 2 Let's Explore the World

The children will build on their geographical skills from year 1, looking at maps, atlases and compass points. They will learn about climate zones in the world, identifying hot, cold and temperate places around the world. The children will develop their comparison skills from year 1, comparing England and Somalia.

### Year 2 Coastline

The children will look at human and physical features of coastal regions across the UK. They will carry out a detailed exploration of the coastal town of Whitby in Yorkshire and compare it to local coastal towns such as Clacton and Southend. They will practice reading maps using keys and will draw their own maps of imaginary coastal towns.

### Year 6 Our Changing World

This unit will revise previous geographical skills covered. This will include time zones and lines of longitude and latitude to pinpoint places on a map. Children will find out more about map scales, grid references, contour lines and map symbols. They will also learn about climate change and the importance of global trade.

### Year 6 Frozen Kingdom

The children will learn about the characteristics and features of polar regions, including the North and South Poles. They will look at a detailed exploration of the environmental factors that shape and influence the regions.

