

Progression of Skills in Geography at St James

Due to having mixed year groups we have a rolling program that covers 2 years of objectives in each class, apart from Reception which is a stand-alone class.

	Reception	Year 1/ 2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4
Geographical Enquiry	*Use a range of sources such as simple maps, photographs, magnifiers and visiting local places. *Create awareness of features of the environments in the setting and immediate local area. E.g. make visits to shops and parks.	Year 1 objectives *Teacher led enquiries, to ask and respond to simple closed questions. *Use information books/pictures as sources of information. *Investigate their surroundings *Make observations about where things are e.g. within school or local area. Year 2 objectives *Children encouraged to ask simple geographical questions; *Where is it? What's it like? *Use NF books, stories, maps, pictures/photos and internet as sources of information. *Investigate their surroundings *Make appropriate observations about why things happen. *Make simple comparisons between features of different places.	Year 3 objectives *Begin to ask/initiate geographical questions. *Use NF books, stories, atlases, pictures/photos and internet as sources of information. *Investigate places and themes at more than one scale *Begin to collect and record evidence *Analyse evidence and begin to draw conclusions e.g. make comparisons between two locations using photos/pictures, temperatures in different locations Year 4 objectives • Ask and respond to questions and offer their own ideas. • Extend to satellite images, aerial photographs • Investigate places and themes at more than one scale • Collect and record evidence with some aid • Analyse evidence and draw conclusions e.g. make comparisons between locations photos/pictures/ maps	Year 5 objectives Begin to suggest questions for investigating Begin to use primary and secondary sources of evidence in their investigations. Investigate places with more emphasis on the larger scale; contrasting and distant places Collect and record evidence unaided Analyse evidence and draw conclusions e.g. compare historical maps of varying scales e.g. temperature of various locations - influence on people/everyday life Year 6 objectives Suggest questions for investigating Use primary and secondary sources of evidence in their investigations. Investigate places with more emphasis on the larger scale; contrasting and distant places Collect and record evidence unaided Analyse evidence and draw conclusions e.g. from field work data on land use comparing land use/temperature, look at patterns and explain reasons behind it







Direction/Location	*Follow simple	Year 1 objectives	Year 3 objectives	Year 5 objectives				
2.1.00.1.01.1/2.000.1.01.1	directions.	Follow directions (Up, down, left/right,	Use 4 compass points to follow/give	• Use 8 compass points;				
		forwards/backwards)	directions:	Begin to use 4 figure coordinates to locate				
		Year 2 objectives	• Use letter/no. co-ordinates to locate	features on a map.				
		• Follow directions (as year 1 and including. NSEW)	features on a map. Year 4 objectives Use 4 compass points well:	Year 6 objectives • Use 8 compass points confidently and accurately;				
							 Begin to use 8 compass points; 	Use 4 figure co-ordinates confidently to
								• Use letter/no. co-ordinates to locate
				features on a map confidently.	Begin to use 6 figure grid refs; use latitude			
				and longitude on atlas maps.				
Drawing maps	*Draw and create	Year 1 objectives	Year 3 objectives	Year 5 objectives				
3 4	their own maps	Draw picture maps of imaginary places	• Try to make a map of a short route, with	Begin to draw a variety of thematic maps				
	using real objects,	and from stories.	features in correct order;	based on their own data.				
	and/or pictures	Year 2 objectives	 Try to make a simple scale drawing. 	Year 6 objectives				
	and symbols.	 Draw a map of a real or imaginary 	Year 4 objectives	• Draw a variety of thematic maps based on				
		place. (e.g. add detail to a sketch map	 Make a map of a short route, with 	their own data.				
		from aerial photograph)	features in correct order;	Begin to draw plans of increasing				
			 Make a simple scale drawing. 	complexity.				
Representation	*Look at signs and	Year 1 objectives	Year 3 objectives	Year 5 objectives				
•	symbols on	 Use own symbols on imaginary map. 	 Know why a key is needed. 	 Draw a sketch map using symbols and a 				
	different types of	Year 2 objectives	standard symbols.	key;				
	maps for example	Begin to understand the need for a key.	Year 4 objectives	 Use/recognise OS map symbols. 				
	in school, and the	 Use class agreed symbols to make a 	 Know why a key is needed. Begin to 	Year 6 objectives				
	local community	simple key.	recognise symbols on an OS map	 Use/recognise OS map symbols; 				
				Use atlas symbols.				
Using maps	*Use a simple map	Year 1 objectives	Year 3 objectives	Year 5 objectives				
	with symbols to	Use a simple picture map to move	 Locate places on larger scale maps e.g. 	 Compare maps with aerial photographs. 				
	spot features in	around the school;	map of Europe. Follow a route on a map	• Select a map for a specific purpose. (E.g.				
	the school grounds	 Recognise that it is about a place. 	with some accuracy. (e.g. whilst	Pick atlas to find Taiwan, OS map to find				
	or in the local	Year 2 objectives	orienteering)	local village.)				
	community.	Follow a route on a map.	Year 4 objectives	Begin to use atlases to find out about				
		Use a plan view.	• Locate places on large scale maps, (e.g.	other features of places. (e.g. find wettest				
		 Use an infant atlas to locate places. 	Find UK or India on globe)	part of the world)				
			• Follow a route on a large scale map.	Year 6 objectives				
				• Follow a short route on an OS map.				
				Describe features shown on OS map.				







Scale/Distance	Non standard units – comparisons of size and distance.	Year 1 objectives • Use relative vocabulary (e.g. bigger/smaller, like/dislike) Year 2 objectives • Begin to spatially match places (e.g. recognise UK on a small scale and larger scale map)	Year 3 objectives (Year 4 as year 3) • Begin to match boundaries (E.g. find same boundary of a country on different scale maps.)	Locate places on a world map. Use atlases to find out about other features of places. (e.g. mountain regions, weather patterns) Year 5 objectives Measure straight line distance on a plan. Find/recognise places on maps of different scales. (E.g. river Nile.) Year 6 objectives Use a scale to measure distances. Draw/use maps and plans at a range of scales.
Perspective		Year 1 objectives • Draw around objects to make a plan. Year 2 objectives • Look down on objects to make a plan view map.	Year 3 objectives • Begin to draw a sketch map from a high view point. Year 4 objectives • Draw a sketch map from a high view point	Year 5 objectives • Draw a plan view map with some accuracy. Year 6 objectives • Draw a plan view map accurately.
Map knowledge		Year 1 objectives • Learn names of some places within/around the UK. E.g. Home town, cities, countries e.g. Wales, France. Year 2 objectives • Locate and name on UK map major features e.g. London, River Thames, home location, seas.	Year 3 objectives • Begin to identify points on maps A,B and C Year 4 objectives • Begin to identify significant places and environments	Year 5 objectives • Identify significant places and environments Year 6 objectives • Confidently identify significant places and environments
Style of map	*Real maps, electronic globes and maps, maps of the classroom/school, local town, park, zoo, museum etc, story maps.	Year 1 objectives • Picture maps and globes Year 2 objectives • Find land/sea on globe. • Use teacher drawn base maps. • Use large scale OS maps. • Use an infant atlas	Year 3 objectives Use large scale OS maps. Begin to use map sites on internet. Begin to use junior atlases. Begin to identify features on aerial/oblique photographs. Year 4 objectives Use large and medium scale OS maps. Use junior atlases. Use map sites on internet. Identify features on aerial/oblique photographs.	Year 5 objectives • Use index and contents page within atlases. • Use medium scale land ranger OS maps. Year 6 objectives • Use OS maps. • Confidently use an atlas. • Recognise world map as a flattened globe









