EYFS

Map Skills within topics are broken down into four areas: Environmental Awareness, Wayfinding, Map Competencies and Map Interpretation Skills.

Fieldwork in EYFS provides opportunities to freely explore their EYFS setting and outdoor area, and to make visits to places in the immediate vicinity of the school (e.g. local streets, park, shop, church or mosque). Children become familiar with these places through first-hand sensory exploration, observation and talk. They have opportunities to ask questions and follow their own interests. These early experiences will provide opportunities for language development as children name and describe what they see in discussion with peers and adults.

Map Skills	Fieldwork Skills	Fieldwork Techniques
 ★ Find out about the environment by talking to people, examining photographs, simple maps and visiting local places. ❖ Play with toy vehicles, people and animals on large floor playmat maps, using roads and paths with town and country features ❖ Make model layouts of places with toy furniture, buildings, vehicles, people and animals, which they can imagine themselves in and talk about as they play ❖ Use words like turn, left, forward, etc. ❖ Go on walks in the area immediately around the school and talk about the features they pass, then retrace those routes on other occasions pointing out features they notice which are familiar or new to them. ❖ Look at large-scale oblique and vertical aerial photographs of the local area, talk about features they can see and trace routes along roads ❖ Talk about what they can see on a large full-colour picture map of a fun place. ❖ Look at a large-scale map, drawn as a vertical view of the furniture in a room in school or of the features in a play area, then take the map into that area to find the features and point them out on the map and in the room. 	 Fieldwork Skills ★ Explore their setting's outdoor area, noticing and naming its features (e.g. play equipment, different areas and surfaces, flower beds). ★ Experience different weather conditions and their impact on the environment. ★ Examine and discuss natural objects (e.g. leaves, twigs, stones). ★ Explore the immediate local area through walks and visits to selected sites. 	 Fieldwork Techniques Use small world play or the role play area to represent a visited place. Making drawings (e.g. of their favourite place in the outdoor area, what they saw at the park). Take digital photos (e.g. of a collection of natural objects, buildings in the locality). Sequence photos to recall features seen on a visit or short walk Draw a map (e.g. of the outdoor area). Count (e.g. cars parked at the start/end of the day). Express their feelings about places they visit, saying which features they like/dislike.

KS1: Year 1 and Year 2

Map Skills within topics are broken down into four areas: Environmental Awareness, Wayfinding, Map Competencies and Map Interpretation Skills.

Fieldwork in KS1 encompasses exploration and imaginative engagement with outdoor environments as well as more structured enquiries, which involve the use of simple techniques to record field data to answer geographical questions. The school grounds and the local area within walking distance of the school provide many opportunities for children to plan and conduct simple geographical enquiries that involve fieldwork. Children also visit places that are different from the local area. Key stage 1 fieldwork involves opportunities for first-hand sensory exploration, observation and discussion with peers and adults.

	Map Skills		Fieldwork Skills		Fieldwork Techniques
*	Use a range of simple maps and globes (including	*	Use simple fieldwork techniques such	*	Use small world play, model making, or the classroom role-play area
	picture maps) at different scales.		as observation and identification to		to represent a visited place (e.g. a shop, the library or Health
*	Use vocabulary such as bigger/smaller, near/far, larger/		study the geography of the school and		Centre).
	smaller, distant/ further.		its grounds as well as the key human	*	Add details to a teacher-prepared drawing (e.g. doors, windows and
*	Know that maps give information about places in the		and physical features of its		other features to the outline of a house).
	world (where/what?).		surrounding environment.	*	Make annotated drawings to show variations (e.g. in a row of houses
*	Locate land and sea on maps as well as continents and	*	Begin to use cameras and audio		in a local street).
	oceans.		equipment to record geographical	*	Draw a freehand map (e.g. of the school grounds, local street or
*	Use large scale maps and aerial photos of the school,		features, changes, differences e.g.		park).
	local area and beyond.		weather, seasons, vegetation,	*	Relate a large-scale plan (e.g. of the school grounds or a local street)
*	Recognise simple features on maps e.g. fields, water,		buildings etc.		to the environment, identifying known features.
	buildings, roads and fields.	*	Use simple compass directions	*	Mark information on a large-scale plan (e.g. of the school grounds or
*	Follow a route on a map starting with a picture map of		(NSEW).		a local street) using colour or symbols to record observations.
	the school.	*	Use locational and directional	*	Use a simple compass and cardinal compass directions (north, south,
*	Recognise that maps need titles.		language to describe feature and		west, east).
*	Begin to recognise landmarks and basic human features		routes e.g. left/right, forwards and	*	Take digital photos (e.g. of buildings in the locality, things seen on a
	on aerial photos.		backwards		bus journey).
*	····· , ··· , · · · · · · ·	*	Use aerial photos to recognise	*	Make digital audio recordings when interviewing someone (e.g. shop
	an OS map.		landmarks and basic human and		worker, librarian, nurse) about their job.
*	1 1 0 0 7 1 77		physical features familiar to them.	*	Collect quantitative data (e.g. to create a pictogram of favourite
	route map.				places to play or how pupils travel to school).
*	,			*	Use a questionnaire (e.g. to find out the most popular options for
	support.				improving playtimes).
*	,			*	Collect and sorting natural objects (e.g. leaves, twigs, stones) to
*	Start to find a given OS symbol on a map with support.				investigate their properties.
*	Begin to recognise maps need a key.			*	Use simple recording techniques (e.g. smiley/sad faces worksheet)
*					to express their feelings about a specific place and explaining why
	classroom or playground.				they like/dislike some of its features

LKS2: Year 3 and Year 4

Map Skills within topics are broken down into four areas: Environmental Awareness, Wayfinding, Map Competencies and Map Interpretation Skills.

Fieldwork opportunities in LKS2 aim to enhance and enrich pupils' knowledge and understanding of places, and of physical, human and environmental geography, building on what they learn in KS1 by giving children opportunities to visit unfamiliar places to extend their knowledge and understanding of the wider world, and to develop and apply their fieldwork skills. LKS2 fieldwork continues to involve opportunities for first-hand sensory exploration, observation and discussion.

	Mapping		Fieldwork Skills		Fieldwork Techniques
*	Use a wider range of maps (including digital), atlases and	*	Begin to use the eight points of a	**	Make models, annotated drawings and field sketches to record
••	globes to locate countries and features studied.	**		•	observations.
*	=	*	compass.	.*.	
***	Use maps and diagrams from a range of publications e.g.	***	With support observe, measure	*	
	holiday brochures, leaflets, town plans.		and record the human and		area).
**	Use maps at more than one scale.		physical features in the local area	**	Relating a large-scale plan of the local area or fieldwork site to the
*	Recognise that larger scale maps cover less area.		using a range of methods		environment, identifying features relevant to the enquiry.
**	Make and use simple route maps.		including sketch maps, cameras	*	
*	Begin to recognise patterns on maps and begin to explain		and other digital devices.		plan, using colour or symbols and a key.
	what they show.	*	Make links between features	*	Take digital photos and annotate them with labels or captions.
*	Use the index and contents page of atlases.		observed in the environment to	*	Make digital audio recordings for a specific purpose (e.g. traffic
*	Label maps with titles to show their purpose		those on maps and aerial photos.		noise).
**	Recognise that contours show height and slope.			*	Collect, analyse and present quantitative data in charts and
*	Use 2 and 4 figure coordinates to locate features on				graphs.
	maps.			*	Design and use a questionnaire to collect quantitative fieldwork
*	Create maps of small areas with features in the correct				data (e.g. to compare how far people travel to different types of
	place.				shop).
*	Use plan views.			*	Design and conduct interviews (e.g. to investigate which
*	Recognise some standard OS symbols.				spaces/places local people value).
*	Link features on maps to photos and aerial views.			*	Using simple sampling techniques appropriately (e.g. time
*	With support make a simple scaled drawing e.g. of the				sampling when conducting a traffic survey).
	classroom.			*	
*	Use a scale bar to calculate some distances				environmental quality (e.g. in streets near the school).
*	Relate measurement on large scale maps to			*	Develop a simple method of recording their feelings about a place
	measurements outside.				or site.
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UKS2: Year 5 and Year 6

Map Skills within topics are broken down into four areas: Environmental Awareness, Wayfinding, Map Competencies and Map Interpretation Skills.

Fieldwork in UKS2 includes the use of more specific fieldwork techniques to record field data to answer geographical questions. The school grounds and the local area provide many opportunities for children to plan and conduct geographical enquiries that involve fieldwork. Upper key stage 2 children have more opportunities to visit unfamiliar places, including (wherever possible) a residential visit. Fieldwork continues to involve opportunities for first-hand sensory exploration, observation, and discussion with peers and adults.

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	Mapping		Fieldwork Skills		Fieldwork Techniques		
*	Use a wide range of maps, atlases, globes and digital	*	Begin to use eight cardinal points	*	Make models, annotated drawings and field sketches to record		
	maps to locate countries and features studied.		to give directions and instructions.		observations.		
*	Relate different maps to each other and to aerial	*	Observe, measure and record	*	Drawing freehand maps (e.g. of a site they have visited).		
	photos.		human and physical features using	*	Relate large-scale plans to the fieldwork site, identifying relevant		
*	Understand the differences between maps e.g.		a range of methods including		features.		
	Google maps vs. Google Earth, and OS maps.		sketch maps, cameras and other	*	Record selected geographical data on a map or large-scale plan, using		
*	Choose the most appropriate map/globe for a		digital technologies e.g. data		colour or symbols and a key.		
	specific purpose.		loggers to record (e.g. weather) at	*	Take digital photos and annotate them with labels or captions.		
**	Follow routes on maps describing what can be seen.		different times and in different	*	Make digital audio recordings (e.g. to create soundscapes).		
**	Interpret and use thematic maps.		places.	*	Collect, analyse and present quantitative data in charts and graphs.		
**	Understand that purpose, scale, symbols and style	*	Interpret data collected and	*	Design and use a questionnaire to collect qualitative data (e.g. to find		
	are related with support.		present the information in a		out and compare pupils' views on plastic waste).		
*	Identify, describe and interpret relief features on OS		variety of ways including charts	*	Design and conduct fieldwork interviews (e.g. to establish the range of		
	maps.		and graphs.		views local people hold about a proposed development).		
*	Use six figure coordinates.			*	Use standard field sampling techniques appropriately (e.g. taking		
*	Use latitude/longitude in a globe or atlas.				water samples from a stream).		
*	Create sketch maps using symbols and a key.			*	Design and use a tool to record their feelings about the advantages		
*	Use a wider range of OS symbols and know that				and disadvantages of a proposed development, for instance.		
	different scale OS maps use some different symbols.			*	Conduct a transect to observe changes in buildings and land use		
**	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 using modelled examples.						
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