Geography

Curriculum Intent:

Our geography curriculum forms part of St. Mary's Sunrise Curriculum. It is broad and balanced to develop children's curiosity about our rich, diverse world and its people which will inspire them and remain with them for life. Understanding both human and physical geography will enable our children to have a better understanding of themselves and the wider society they live in as they grow up to be caring, global citizens who have the cultural Literacy to influence the future of our planet. We are committed to providing children with opportunities to investigate and make enquiries about Truro and Cornwall, so that they can develop of real sense of who they are, their heritage and what makes our local area unique and special. Geographical knowledge and skills are taught through research-led pedagogy to ensure learning is embedded in long term memory and builds on prior knowledge. Our school vision is that 'you are never too young to make a difference' and our geography curriculum aims to prepare children to be courageous advocates for our world.



By the end of Key Stage One, pupils should develop knowledge about the world, the United Kingdom and their locality. They should understand basic subject-specific vocabulary relating to human and physical geography and begin to use geographical skills, including first-hand observation, to enhance their locational awareness.

By the end of Key Stage Two, pupils should extend their knowledge and understanding beyond the local area to include the United Kingdom and Europe, North and South America. This will include the location and characteristics of a range of the world's most significant human and physical features. They should develop their use of geographical knowledge, understanding and skills to enhance their locational and place knowledge.

Curriculum reading opportunities to be shown in italics

Key	Previous	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Next Steps at KS3
<u>skills</u>	Learning							
Locational Knowledge	EYFS Early Learning Goal: Children know about similarities and differences in relation to places, objects, materials and living things. They talk about the features of their own immediate environment and how environments might vary from one another. They make observations of animals and plants and explain why some things occur, and talk about changes	Name and locate the world's 7 continents Know the 4 countries of the UK.	Name and locate the world's 5 oceans Know the capital cities of the UK and surrounding seas Atlas work understanding an index	Name and locate countries and cities of the UK, geographical regions and identify their human physical characteristics.	Locate their world's countries using maps to focus on Europe (including the location of Russia), concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries and major cities.	Locate their world's countries using maps to focus on North and South America, concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries and major cities.	Identify the position and significance of latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, Tropics of Capricorn and Cancer, Arctic and Antarctic Circles, the Prime/Greenwich Meridian and Time zones.	Extend their locational knowledge and deepen their spatial awareness of the world's countries using maps of the world to focus on Africa, Russia, Asia (including China and India), and the Middle East, focusing on their environmental regions, including polar and hot deserts, key physical and human characteristics, countries and major cities
Place Knowledge		Know human and physical features of the UK.	Compare human and physical features of a small local area in the UK to a contrasting non-European country.	Understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region in the UK.	Understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region in a European country.	Understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region within North or South America.	Study environments and compare similarities and differences within areas mentioned above. E.g. The comparison of countries within the Northern Hemisphere	Understand geographical similarities, differences and links between places through the study of human and physical geography of a region within Africa, and of a region within Asia

						or countries close to	
						the Equator.	
Human and	Identify daily weather	Identify seasonal	Describe and understand	Describe and	Know where energy	Describe and	understand how human
Physical	patterns in the UK	patterns in the UK	different types of	understand key	comes from.	understand the	and physical processes
Geography			settlement and land use.	aspects of economic		meaning of biomes,	interact to influence, and
	Use geographical	Know hot and cold		activity, including	Study rivers,	climate zones and	change landscapes,
	vocabulary to refer to:	areas in relation to the	Know where food comes	trade links.	mountains, volcanoes,	vegetation belts.	environments and the
	key physical features	equator, including the	from (trade routes)		earthquakes.		climate; and how human
	including: beach, cliff,	North and South Poles		Describe and		Know about climate	activity relies on
	coast, forest, hill,			understand the water	•	change	effective functioning of
	mountain, sea	Use geographical		cycle and where			natural systems
		vocabulary to refer to:		natural resources		Describe and	
	Use geographical	key physical features		come from.		understand key	
	vocabulary to refer to:	including: ocean, river,				aspects of the distribution of natural	
	key human features	soil, valley, vegetation, season, weather				resources, including	
	including: city, town, village, factory, farm	season, weather				energy, food, minerals	
	village, factory, fariff	Use geographical				and water.	
		vocabulary to refer to:				and water.	
		key human features					
		including: house, office,					
		port, harbour, shop					
Geographical	Use simple compass	Use world maps, atlases	Continue to use globes,	Use the eight points of	Use 4 and 6 figure grid	Use fieldwork to	Interpret Ordnance
Skills and	directions and directional	and globes to identify	maps and atlases and	the compass to build	references to build	observe, measure,	Survey maps in the
Fieldwork	language (left or right,	the UK and selected	digital computer mapping	their knowledge of the	their knowledge of the	record and present the	classroom and the field,
	near or far) to describe	other countries, as well	to locate features and	UK	UK (including the use	human and physical	including using grid
	the location of features	as the countries, oceans	describe countries		of Ordinance Survey	features in the local	references and scale,
	on a map.	and continents within	studied.		Map) and the wider	area, using a range of	topographical and other
		KS1.			world.	methods including	thematic mapping, and
	Study features of the					sketch maps, plans	aerial and satellite
	local environment.	Use aerial photographs				and graphs and digital	photographs
		to recognize landmarks				technologies.	
		and basic geographical					
		features.					
		Construct basic maps					
		(including of the school					
		and surrounding area)					
		using symbols in a key.					