Blenheim Park Geography Curriculum

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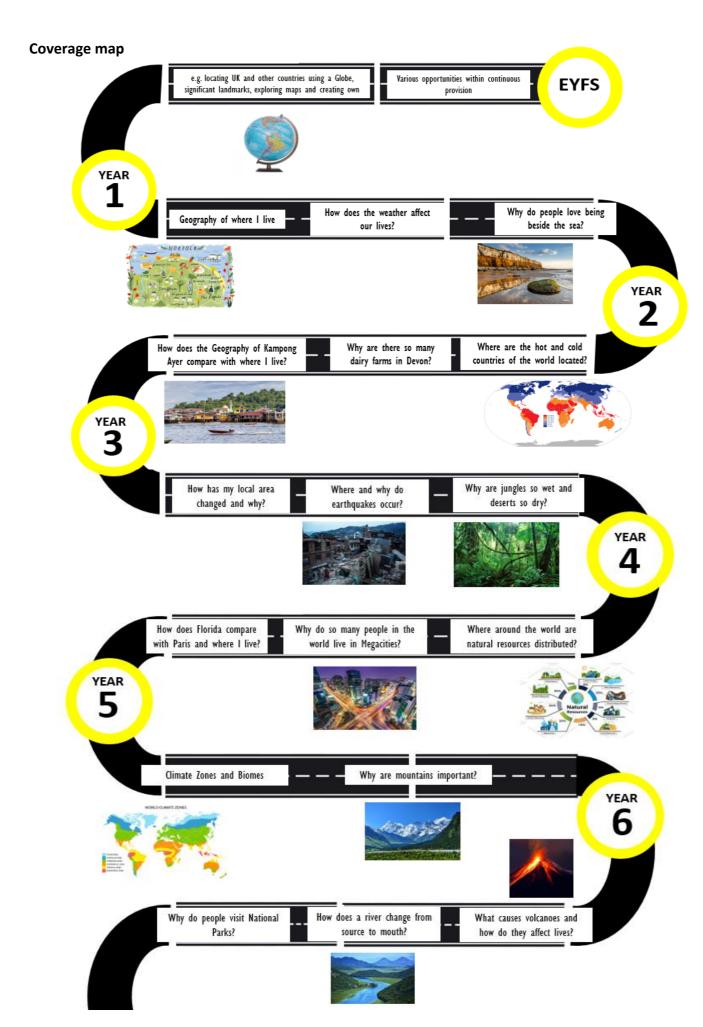
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Overview

At Blenheim Park Academy, the Geography curriculum has been designed as follows:

- Learning is structured around three knowledge strands location knowledge, place knowledge and human and physical knowledge.
- Geographical skills and fieldwork are taught so that pupils are competent in the geographical skills needed to:
- are competent in the geographical skills needed to:
 - o collect, analyse and communicate with a range of data gathered through experiences of fieldwork that deepen their understanding of geographical processes.
 - o interpret a range of sources of geographical information, including maps, diagrams, globes, aerial photographs and Geographical Information Systems (GIS).
 - o communicate geographical information in a variety of ways, including through maps, numerical and quantitative skills and writing at length.
- It is based on a spiral curriculum model where previous skills and knowledge are returned to and built upon.
- Units of learning are designed to ask big questions to broaden children's understanding of the wider world.
- Geographical vocabulary is explicitly taught knowledge, skills and vocabulary are explicitly taught.
- Units are planned to give pupils exposure to a wide range of resources are used including: globes, atlases, traditional Ordnance Survey maps alongside apps such as Google Earth and other digital resources.



Curriculum Coverage

Geography 2 year rolling programme

	Cycle A						
	Autumn		Spring			Summer	
Oak R/1	The natural world Explore trough outdoor play and exploration through the senses. Describe experiences. Discuss how we care for the natural world around us.	Recognise sor environments different from in which they (local and nat region) Use the follow vocabulary - rand made by	me s that are n the one live ional ving natural	Know some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries such as how they travel to school, what they eat, where they live	 Knowenvi whe char Note wea Throobse worked behalt 	r and the seasons w that the ronment changes in the seasons nge e and record the ther. bughout the year, erve the natural ld and how animals ave differently as seasons change.	 Know the name of the road, estate and town that the school is located in. Use aerial views of the school setting, say what they see (recognising buildings, open space, roads and other simple features) Draw a simple map of the immediate environment and/or maps from imaginary story settings they are familiar with
	How does the weather affect our lives? What is		S		Why do people like being beside the seaside?		
Birch 2/3/4	Local area Jungles		ingles Ea		Earthquakes		
Willow 4/5/6	Climate zones	Climate zones Mounta		ins		Volcanoes	

	Cycle B								
	Autumn			Spring			Summer		
Oak R/1	 Explore trough outdoor play and exploration through the senses. Describe experiences. Discuss how we care for the natural world around us. 	Recognise sore environments different from in which they (local and nat region) Use the follow vocabulary - rand made by	me s that are n the one live ional ving natural	Know some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries such as how they travel to school, what they eat, where they live	 Know envi whe char Note wea Throobse work behalf 	and record the	 Know the name of the road, estate and town that the school is located in. Use aerial views of the school setting, say what they see (recognising buildings, open space, roads and other simple features) Draw a simple map of the immediate environment and/or maps from imaginary story settings they are familiar with 		
	Where are the hot and cold world?	countries of the				Why are there so Devon?	o many dairy farms in		
Birch 2/3/4	How does Kampong Ayer compare with where I live?		Florida		Natural resources				
Willow 4/5/6	Megacities		Nation	al Parks		Rivers			

NC Objective	Key Stage 1					
		What is the Geography	Why do people like	Where are the hot and	How does Kampong	Why are there so many
	affect our lives?	of where I live?	being beside the	cold countries of the	Ayer compare with	dairy farms in Devon?
			seaside?	world?	where I live?	
Locational Knowledge:						
name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans						
name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas						
Place Knowledge:						
understand geographical similarities and differences through studying the human and physical geography of a small area of the United Kingdom, and of a small area in a contrasting non-European country						
Human and physical geography:						
identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom and the location of hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South Poles						
use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to: key physical features, including: beach, cliff, coast, forest, hill, mountain, sea, ocean, river, soil, valley, vegetation, season and weather key human features, including: city, town, village, factory, farm, house, office, port, harbour and shop						
Geographical skills and fieldwork:						
use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the United Kingdom and its countries, as well as the countries, continents and oceans studied at this key stage						
use simple compass directions (North, South, East and West) and locational and directional language [for example, near and far; left and right], to describe the location of features and routes on a map						
use aerial photographs and plan perspectives to recognise landmarks and basic human and physical features; devise a simple map; and use and construct basic symbols in a key			-			
use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of their school and its grounds and the key human and physical features of its surrounding environment.						

NC Objective	Year 3/4				Year 5/6						
	Local area	Jungles	Earthquakes	Florida	Natural Resources	Megacities	Climate Zones	Mountains	Volcanoes	National Parks	Rivers
Locational Knowledge:											
locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on Europe (including the location of Russia) and North and South America, concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries, and major cities											
name and locate counties and cities of the United Kingdom, geographical regions and their identifying human and physical characteristics, key topographical features (including hills, mountains, coasts and rivers), and land-use patterns; and understand how some of these aspects have changed over time											
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:											
understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom, a region in a European country, and a region within North or South America											
Human and physical geography:											
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											
Geographical skills and fieldwork:											
use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied											
use the eight points of a compass, four and six-figure grid references, symbols and key (including the use of Ordnance Survey maps) to build their knowledge of the United Kingdom and the wider world											
use fieldwork to observe, measure, record and present the human and physical features in the local area using a range of methods, including sketch maps, plans and graphs, and digital technologies.											

Progression of Knowledge and Skills

	Geography Progression – Locational Knowledge					
	EYFS	Yea	1/2			
name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans		 A continent is a large continuous mass of land. An ocean is a very large expanse of salt water. Water covers ¾ of the Earth's surface and is grouped into seas and oceans. The seven continents are: North America, South America, Africa, Europe, Asia, Antarctica and Australia. The five oceans are: Pacific, Southern, Arctic, Atlantic and Indian. 	 Consolidation of the seven continents and five oceans. The Pacific Ocean is the largest and Asia is the largest continent. Know the location of each of the continents and oceans. 			
		Key vocabulary: continent, ocean, sea, names of each continent and ocean	Key vocabulary: consolidation of vocabulary learnt in Y1			
name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas	Locate UK on a Globe and World map.	 The four countries that make up the UK are: England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. Locate the four countries on a map of the UK. The capital cities: Wales – Cardiff England – London Scotland – Edinburgh Northern Ireland – Belfast 	 The UK is surrounded by water – English Channel to the South, North Sea to the East and the Irish Sea and Atlantic Ocean to the West. England is made up of many different counties. The countries making up the UK are very different e.g. Scotland is home to many mountains, Northern Ireland is home to the largest lake in Britain and Cornwall in England has vast sandy beaches. 			
	Key vocabulary: globe, world, land, island	Key vocabulary: country, United Kingdom, capital city	Key vocabulary: county, surrounded, mountain, English Channel, North Sea, Irish Sea			

	Geography Progression – Locational Knowledge						
	Year	r 3/4	Y	ear 5/6			
locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on Europe (including the location of Russia) and North and South America, concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries, and major cities	 Rainforests are located near to the Equator and have a very hot and wet climate. There are rainforests located in Brazil within South America. 	 Florida is located within North America. There are 50 states that make up the United States of America. Florida is an example of a peninsula which is a piece of land almost entirely surrounded by water but connected to land on one side. Paris is the capital city of France which is located in the continent of Europe. 	Nepal is located in the continent Asia. Kathmandu is the capital city of Nepal.	There are many National Parks located in America such as the Yosemite National Park and Death Valley National Park in California.			

		Nine out of the ten major cities of the world are located within Asia.		
	Key vocabulary: rainforest,	Key vocabulary: state, peninsula, coastline, inland, land locked, megacity	Key vocabulary:	Key vocabulary: national park,
name and locate counties and cities of the United Kingdom, geographical regions and their identifying human and physical characteristics, key topographical features (including hills, mountains, coasts and rivers), and landuse patterns; and understand how some of these aspects have changed over time	 King's Lynn is located in the county of Norfolk on the East Coast. Norfolk has a significant coastline due to its location. The town of King's Lynn has changed over the years due to people moving to the area. The land on which the school is now built used to be a farm but was changed due to the increase in houses being built. This is an example of a human change. 	The largest cities in the UK by population are: 1. London 2. Manchester 3. Birmingham 4. Leeds 5. Glasgow 6. Southampton 7. Liverpool 8. Newcastle 9. Sheffield 10. Belfast Know the location of these cities and plot them on a map of the UK.	The Cambrian Mountains are a mountain range running through the middle of Wales.	 There are many rivers in the UK including: The Tyne, Ouse, Trent, Thames, Severn and Wye. Know the location of these rivers and some of the counties they flow through e.g. the River Thames flows through Wiltshire, Gloucestshire, Oxfordshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Surry and through the Chilterns.
	Key vocabulary: develop, redevelop, land use, residential	Key vocabulary: population,	Key vocabulary: mountain range, landscape	Key vocabulary:
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)	 The Equator is an imaginary line that runs through the middle of the world. The Northern Hemisphere lies to the North of the Equator and the Southern Hemisphere to the South. The tropics of Capricorn and Cancer are the only points on Earth where the sun shines straight down. They are located either side of the Equator. 		 Latitude and longitude are imaginary lines which help us identify the location of a place using coordinates. Latitude lines circle the globe in East-West directions and measure how far North or South a point lies from the Equator. Longitudinal lines run from the North pole to the South pole and measure how far East or West a point lies from the Prime Meridian. 	 Time zones are divided by imaginary lines called meridians which run from the North Pole to the South Pole. There is an imaginary line running through the UK called the Prime Meridian. It runs through a place in London called Greenwich. The Prime Meridian splits the world into eastern and western hemispheres. Time in countries to the east of the Prime Meridian is always in front of that in the UK. Time in countries to the west of the Prime Meridian is always behind that of the UK. Some large countries such as Russia have different time zones.
	Key vocabulary: Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, Tropic of Capricorn, Tropic of Cancer	Key vocabulary:	Key vocabulary: latitude, longitude, co- ordinates	Key vocabulary: time zones, meridians, Eastern Hemisphere, Western Hemisphere

	Geography Progression – Place Knowledge				
	EYFS	Year 1/ 2			
understand geographical similarities and differences through studying the human and physical geography of a small area of the United Kingdom, and of a small area in a contrasting non-European country		 Kampong Ayer is located within the continent Asia. It is a water village, located in the middle of a tidal river. It is very hot and wet in Kampong Ayer compared to the UK. This is because it is very close to the Equator. The physical geography of Kampong Ayer affects daily lives e.g. people travel by boat rather than cars/bikes and all the houses have to be built on stilts to stop flooding. Schools, houses, shops and other aspects of human geography are similar in Kampong Ayer as in the UK. Kampong Ayer is surrounded by a large rainforest. 			
		Key vocabulary: village, temperature, transport,			

	Geography Progression – Place Knowledge					
	Year 3/ 4	Year 5/ 6				
understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom, a region in a European country, and a region within North or South	 Comparison of Norfolk, Paris and Florida. Florida and Norfolk both have a coastline whereas Paris is landlocked. All areas are relatively flat although Paris and Florida both have some hills/mountains. The climate in Florida is very different due to its location near to the Equator. They have very hot and dry weather in comparison to Norfolk and Paris's 					
America	 temperate climate. Florida has a long coastline made up of sandy beaches making it a popular tourist destination. Paris is also popular as a tourist destination due to its impressive galleries, buildings and monuments. People visit Norfolk for its coastline and the Norfolk Broads – human made waterways. Key vocabulary: peninsula, tourists, landlocked 					

	G	eography Progression – Human and Physical Geography	1
	EYFS	Yea	r 1/2
identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom and the location of hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South Poles	There are many different types of weather within the UK including rain, wind, sun, snow. The weather changes at different points in the year and this affects our lives e.g. what we wear.	 The weather is different across the world with some countries being hot and others cold. In the UK, the weather changes with the seasons e.g. it is hot in the Summer and colder in Winter. 	 How hot or cold a country is, is determined by how close it is to the Equator. Countries that are close to the Equator are hot such as Brazil and Egypt. Countries that are far away from the Equator are cold such as Russia and Canada. Antarctica is one of the coldest places on Earth as it located in the South Pole. It is a desert because it has very little/no rainfall. The Sahara Desert is an example of a very hot desert because it is located very close to the Equator. Although the Sahara and Antarctica are both deserts – they are very different, One is covered in ice and the other sand, one is very hot and the other cold. There are lots of farms within Devon due to it having a high rainfall and many hours of sunshine. This means that plants and grass can grow which can be used to sell and feed animals.
	Key vocabulary: rain, wind, snow, sun	Key vocabulary: season, Autumn, Summer, Spring, Winter	Key vocabulary: Antarctica, Sahara Desert, desert
use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to: key physical features, including: beach, cliff, coast, forest, hill, mountain, sea, ocean, river, soil, valley, vegetation, season and weather key human features, including: city, town, village, factory, farm, house, office, port, harbour and shop	The key human and physical features within the local area e.g. shop, park, woods, school and houses.	 A season is one of four main parts of the year – Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter. The weather is the state of the atmosphere at a particular place and time. Know the terms: beach, cliff, coast, sea, ocean, town, house, port and harbour. Be able to identify the above on pictures of different areas. Physical features are those that occur naturally whereas human features are ones that have been built by humans. 	 Know the terms: forest, hill, mountain, river, soil, valley, vegetation, city, village, factory, farm, office and shop. Be able to identify the above on pictures of different areas.
	Key vocabulary: park, school, woods, house, shop	Key vocabulary: season, weather, beach, cliff, coast, sea, ocean, town, port, harbour, human feature, physical feature	Key vocabulary: forest, hill, mountain, river, soil, valley, vegetation, city, village, factory, farm, office
	woods, flouse, shop	town, port, narbour, numan reature, physical reature	vegetation, city, village, factory, farm, office

	Geography Progression – Human and Physical Geography						
	Year 3/4	Year 5/6					
physical geography, including: climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts, rivers, mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes, and the water cycle	 Climate is the average pattern of weather that a place receives over 30 years. The UK has a temperate climate meaning it is never too hot or too cold. There are different climate zones across the world and not all countries have the same climate. Earthquakes and volcanoes occur along plate boundaries. This is because of the constant movement of tectonic plates below the Earth's surface. New Zealand has experienced many earthquakes over the years because of its location on a tectonic plate boundary. The largest earthquakes do not always cause the most damage. Other factors such as the wealth of the country and the time of day also affects the damage caused and the lives lost. 	 Climate zones are areas around the world with a certain pattern of weather. The main climate zones are: Tropical, Arid, Temperate, Polar, Continental and Mediterranean. Vegetation belts are regions of the world that are home to certain plant species determined by the climate. A biome is an area classified by the species that live in that location e.g. a desert biome is suited to camels and cactus due to them requiring very little water. There are five major types of biomes including: aquatic, grassland, forest, tundra and desert. The water cycle is the continuous journey of water from oceans and lakes, to clouds, to rain, to streams, to rivers and back into the ocean again. Mountains are formed when the Earth's crust is pushed up in folds. The size and appearance of a mountain range is largely affected by how old it is – older mountains have had more time to erode and therefore are rounder and more worn down. Almost every river in the world flows from the land to the sea – from an area of higher land to lower. The source of the river is where it starts and the mouth where it meets the sea. A river changes along its course with areas that are wider and narrower. The water also changes speed and direction. Bangladesh suffers from flooding every year due to its high rainfall and flat terrain. There are also three major rivers which meet in one area meaning the volume of water is just too great. Volcanoes are caused by a gap in the Earth's surface that allows molten magma to flow through. When the lava cools, it hardens to create a mound around the gap. Over many years and eruptions, this can form layers of rock leading to a volcano. Volcanoes can impact the physical geography of an area and affect the lives of those that live there. Volcanoes can be either active, dormant or extinct. The area surrounding volca					

	Key vocabulary: climate, temperate, climat magnitude, epicentre	e zone, tectonic plate, earthquake, volcano,	Key vocabulary: vegetation belt, biome, water cycle, condense, evaporate, precipitation, run off, erosion, summit, fold mountain, peak	Key vocabulary: source, mouth, meander, erode, gorge, sediment, stream, brook, creak, spring, active, dormant, extinct
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	 Land use means what an area of land is used for e.g. the area of Reffley Estate is mainly used as a settlement where people live. King's Lynn is an example of a town whereas London is a city. Sometimes an area of land changes use e.g. disused land in London was redeveloped and the Olympic Park was built in its place. This meant that money could be made by using the land. 	 Natural resources are materials or substances that are produced by the local environment. They include: crops, livestock, minerals, metals, fossil fuels and water. Natural resources are located all around the world e.g. metals such as copper can be found in Peru, US and Australia. Countries don't have access to all the natural resources they need to survive meaning it is important to trade. Certain foods for example cannot grow in the UK's climate so we import them in (buy from another country). Fairtrade products mean that a fair price is paid to the farmers that produce the products. There is a Fairtrade logo which helps people products. Fairtrade products often cost a little more but mean that people who often live in poorer countries have a better standard of living. 		 National Parks protect areas of beauty and the animals and plants that live there. National Parks also encourage people to visit which increases the economic activity within an area. Many areas in the UK rely on tourists visiting during the summer months in order to earn a living.
	Key vocabulary: land use, settlement	Key vocabulary: import, export, trade, natural resources, Fairtrade,	Key vocabulary:	Key vocabulary: National Park, economic activity, tourism

Geography Progression – Geographical Skills and Fieldwork					
	EYFS Year 1/2		r 1/2		
use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the United Kingdom and its countries, as well as the countries, continents and oceans studied at this key stage	Use a globe to locate UK.	 Locate the UK on a map of the world. Draw the location of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland on a map of the UK. Use a world map to identify and locate the seven continents and five oceans. 	 Use an atlas to look at a variety of different maps e.g. maps showing hot and cold countries, maps of different continents. Use a key to identify key features of different maps. Understand that a map is a smaller version of an area. 		
Stage	Key vocabulary: globe, UK	Key vocabulary: England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, world map, continent, ocean	Key vocabulary: atlas, key, scale		
use simple compass directions (North, South, East and West) and locational and directional language [for example, near and		Use simple vocabulary to describe where places are in relation to each other e.g. the school is near to the church, the shop is to the right of the church.	Use compass directions to describe the location of counties e.g. Suffolk is to the South of Norfolk.		
far; left and right], to describe the location of features and routes on a map	Key vocabulary:	Key vocabulary: near, far, left, right	Key vocabulary: North, East, South, West		
use aerial photographs and plan perspectives to recognise landmarks and basic human and physical features; devise a simple map; and use and construct basic symbols in a key	 Know the name of the road, estate and town that the school is located in. Draw a simple map of the immediate environment and/or maps from imaginary story settings they are familiar with 	 Draw a map of the local area and use a simple key to show human and physical features e.g. shop, park, school, houses. Locate the school on an aerial photograph. 	Use aerial photographs and satellite images to compare the physical and human features of Kampong Ayer with King's Lynn.		
	Key vocabulary: map	Key vocabulary: location, key, symbol	Key vocabulary: aerial, satellite, landmark		
use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of their school and its grounds and the key human and physical features of its surrounding environment.	Use aerial views of the school setting, say what they see (recognising buildings, open space, roads and other simple features)	 Carry out a walk around the local area taking photographs of key areas. Record human and physical features in a table and create a tally chart of findings. Use simple equipment to record the daily weather in the surrounding environment. 			
	Key vocabulary:	Key vocabulary: photograph, table, tally chart, thermometer, wind gauge, anemometer	Key vocabulary:		

Geography Progression – Geographical Skills and Fieldwork					
	Year 3/4	Year 5/6			
use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied	 Use maps and atlases to compare climate across the world. Locate the top 10 megacities using maps of the world and atlases. Compare the distribution of natural resources using maps of the world. Use Google Earth to locate and explore. Use Google Earth to identify features within megacities. 	Use maps and atlases to compare climate across the world. Locate Iceland on map of the world and look at the distribution of volcanoes using map of Iceland.			
use the eight points of a compass, four and six-figure grid references, symbols and key (including the use of Ordnance Survey maps) to build their knowledge of the United Kingdom and the wider world	 Use key on a world map to identify different climate zones. Use compass directions to describe the weather pattern within the UK e.g. the South is the warmest area and the West is the wettest. Identify the Norfolk Broads on an Ordnance Survey Map. Use four figure grid references to identify locations. 	 Use Ordnance Survey Maps (physical copies) and online to identify six figure grid references. Use symbols from Ordnance Survey Maps to identify features such as churches, camp sites, youth hostels etc. Use online maps to identify which counties the rivers of the UK flow through. Read Ordnance Survey maps and use them to navigate routes (National Park residential). 			
use fieldwork to observe, measure, record and present the human and physical features in the local area using a range of methods, including sketch maps, plans and graphs, and digital technologies.	 Walk around the local area comparing street attractiveness. Collect evidence in a table and convert to a bar chart. Sketch maps drawn of the local area to show the key places of interest and their location in relation to each other. Comparing photographs and Ordnance Survey maps with those from the past to identify changes that have occurred. Construct a climate graph for King's Lynn and use it to compare with another area. 				