

# Geography

Key Stage 1

# Curriculum map

### Philosophy

Six underlying attributes at the heart of Saracens Bell Lane's curriculum and lessons.

- 1. Lessons and units are knowledge and vocabulary rich so that pupils build on what they already know to develop powerful knowledge.
- 2. Knowledge is sequenced and mapped in a coherent format so that pupils make meaningful connections. 3. Our flexible curriculum enables schools to tailor Saracens Bell Lane's content to their curriculum and context. 4. Our curriculum is evidence informed through rigorous application of best practice and the science of learning. 5. We prioritise creating a diverse curriculum by committing to diversity in teaching and teachers, and the language, texts and media we use, so all pupils feel positively represented.

Creating an accessible curriculum that addresses the needs of all pupils is achieved to accessibility guidelines and requirements.

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**Philosophy** 

**Units** 

### Lessons

Unit 1 London in the United Kingdom (shared with History, EY transition

unit) What is the United Kingdom?

What can you find in the United Kingdom?

What is the history of London?

How do people move around in London

What are the landmarks in London?

**Unit 2 Seven Continents** 

What is a continent?

What is Europe like?

What is Australia like?

What is Africa like?

What is Asia like? What is North America like? What is South America like? What is Antarctica like? How is Alaska different to Cornwall? How is Alaska similar to Cornwall? Unit 3 Oceans and Seas What is an ocean? Where are the world's oceans? How deep is the ocean? Why are our oceans important? What lives in the ocean? How is the ocean different at the North Pole and the Equator? Why are the oceans under threat? How are people protecting the oceans? How can we protect our oceans? Campaigning to protect the oceans Unit 4 Villages, Towns and Cities Where are the world's people? What is a settlement? What affects where people live? How are settlements shaped? What makes up a city? How are cities and villages different to live in? What human and physical features can I find in my <u>settlement?</u> Can I sketch a map of my settlement? Can I use symbols and a key in my map? How do I describe where things are in my settlement? Unit 5 Understanding Brazil Where is Brazil? Why do people visit Brazil? What are the features of cities in Brazil? How do experiences within Rio de Janeiro differ? How are populations within Brazil moving? What is the weather like in Brazil? How is the weather in Brazil different than the UK? Who lives in the Amazon Rainforest? Why is the Amazon rainforest declining in size? Why is Brazil difficult to describe?

1. Coherence and flexibility

- 2. Knowledge organisation
- 3. Knowledge selection
- 4. Inclusivity and ambition
- 5. Pupil motivation and engagement
- 6. How will pupils make progress?

# Units

KSI Geography is formed of 5 units and this is the recommended sequence:

Unit Title	Recommended year group	Number of lessons
1. London in the United Kingdom (shared with History, EY transition unit)	Year 1	5
2. Seven Continents	Year 1	10
3. Oceans and Seas	Year 1	10
4. Villages, Towns and Cities	Year 2	10
5. Understanding Brazil	Year 2	10

Unit 1 London in the United Kingdom (shared with History, EY transition unit) - Y1

Prior Knowled ge:	Describe their immediate environment. Knowledge from observations, discussions and texts and maps.					
Lesson number	North Star Question	Pupils will learn		Lesson questions ( Just checking questions)	Key Vocabulary	
		Substantive	Disciplinary			
Before teaching Unit: Not from Oak Academy	Can I use compass points in the school playground?  Lesson slides: Not planned yet.	NC: Fieldwork:  use simple compass directions (North, South, East and West) and locational and directional language [for example, near and far; left and right], to	Map work Draw a simple map of a known place with a key. IDEA: Look at classroom and create a hand drawn map (use compass to find different areas of the room); Look at school	What is a compass? Where is North? Where is South? Where is East? Where is West?		

		describe the location of features and routes on a map	grounds and use aerial maps. Hand drawn maps of the school grounds  Topographical scale of the school grounds Fieldwork in school grounds		
1.	What is the United Kingdom?  (Possibly two lessons)	Locational Knowlegde To locate the United Kingdom on a map of the world & of Europe Human and Physical To identify the countries of the United Kingdom To articulate that the United Kingdom is made up of islands and identify the surrounding seas	Field work Using sources such as simple maps, atlases, globes, images and aerial photos.	How many continents are there? Which continent is the UK in? What 4 countries make up the UK?	Continent Europe United Kingdom England Scotland Wales Northern Ireland World map
2.	What can you find in the United Kingdom?	Locational Knowlegde To explore the physical features of the United Kingdom To identify and name a range of physical features To describe features of different parts of the UK	Map work Identify features on photographs.	What are geographers? What is a physical feature? What are the capital cities of the 4 countries in the UK?	Capital City London Edinburgh Belfast Cardif Physical features Human features

3.	What is the history of London? (maybe a 2 part lesson - founders and then Great Fire)	● Who the Romans were (sailed across to Britain 2000 years ago, built a city called Londinium, built a wall around it to protect them, built markets, roads, canals and government buildings) ● Who the Anglo-Saxons were (7 Kingdoms, Viking invasions, King Alfred recaptured London, he created laws, armies and began trading things for money) ● Who the Normans were (built castles like Windsor Castle and the Tower of London) ● Explain the circumstances of the Second World War ● Review photos and eyewitness accounts		What are historians? Who founded London? What did the Romans call London? What events almost destroyed London? What is a timeline?	London Founder Timeline
4.	How do people move around in London ?  ADAPT TO HENDON	History of River Thames (Romans built Londinium next to the river to allow transportation of goods)  Human and Physical Identify different types of transport (tube, buses, city cycles, taxi)  Field work How to read	Field work Asking and answering basic questions  Making observations  Using sources such as simple maps, atlases, globes, images and aerial photos.	What was transport like in the past? What is present day transport like in London? What does the Mayor of London do? What are the pros and cons of public transport?	Transport Mayor Underground

		an Underground map  Identifying interchanging stations on an Underground map			
5.	What are the landmarks in London?  ADAPT TO HENDON PHYSICAL AND HUMAN FEATURES	Human and Physical Identifying London landmarks Facts about key landmarks Where the Queen lives	Fieldwork Collecting data and presenting it in a simple way	How many tourists does London get a year? What is the river in London called? What are the main landmarks of London?	Tourist Landmark
Added lesson	What is the weather? Lesson slides: Not planned yet	Human and physical 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			

Added lesson	What is the weather like in the UK? Lesson slides: Not planned yet	Human and physical		
		identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom		
		Collect rain and measure rainfall.		

# Unit 2 Seven Continents - Y1

Prior Knowled ge:	<ul> <li>Describe similarities and differences in UK and other countries- Explain some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries.</li> <li>Know that there are different countries in the world and talk about the differences they have experienced or seen in photos.</li> <li>Draw information from a simple map.</li> <li>Recognise some environments that are different to the one in which they live Knowledge Organiser:</li> </ul>					
Lesson number	North Star Question	Pupils will learn Substantive	Disciplinary	Lesson questions ( Just checking questions)	Key Vocabulary	
1.	What is a continent?	Locational knowledge  Locating each continent on a map  Identifying a continent by its shape  Definition of a continent	Map work Simple maps with keys. Atlases appropriate to age.	What is a geographer? What is a continent? Where are the continents on a globe/world map? Which continents are in both Hemispheres? Is a continent bigger than a country?	Australia Africa South America Asia North America Europe Antarctica Continent Northern Hemisphere Southern Hemisphere Equator	

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Lesson number	North Star Question	Pupils will learn		Lesson questions ( Just checking questions)	Key Vocabulary
		Substantive	Disciplinary		
		physical features		How many countries in Australia?	
4.	What is Africa Like?	Human and physical georgpahy/ Map and fieldwork  Identifying Africa on a map and picking out some of the Physical features in different parts of the country  The oldest human fossils and skeletons have been found in Africa. (optional)  Population of 1.2 billion		What is the smallest/largest continent? How many countries are there in Africa? What is the highest mountain in Africa?	Currency Size Landmark Country Africa Population Continent
5.	What is Asia like?	<ul> <li>The largest continent.</li> <li>It contains the most people (largest population).</li> </ul>		Which continent has the largest Population? How many people live in Asia?	Size Landmark Country Asia Fruit Population

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- Draw information from a simple map.
- Recognise some environments that are different to the one in which they live <u>Knowledge Organiser</u>:

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		Substantive	Disciplinary		
		<ul> <li>Includes several mega-cities (e.g. Tokyo in Japan, Beijing in China, Delhi in India).</li> <li>Key human features in Asian cities</li> </ul>		How many countries does Asia have? What is the highest mountain on Earth?	Continent

6.	What is North America like?	<ul> <li>Third largest continent</li> <li>Contains the United States of America, but also Canada, Greenland, Mexico, Greenland and 18 other countries.</li> <li>Describe the different weather conditions in North America</li> </ul>		How many countries in North America? What is the population? What is one of the landmarks in North America?	North America Continent Population Compass Country Size
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7.	What is South America like?	<ul> <li>Fourth largest continent.</li> <li>Contains the longest river, highest waterfall, and the longest mountain range</li> <li>Contains the world's largest rainforest (the Amazon rainforest).</li> <li>Key landmarks</li> <li>Population of 422 million</li> </ul>	How many countries in South America? What is the largest country in South America? How many people live in South America? Why is it called the Lungs of the Earth?	Rainforest Landmark South America Continent Country Tropic Population Size
8.	What is Antarctica like?	<ul> <li>The third smallest continent</li> <li>Extremely cold, covered in ice-contains 90% of the world's ice.</li> <li>Doubles in sizein winter when the seas freeze.</li> <li>No humans live in Antarctica permanently-temporary population of 5000.</li> <li>The Antarctic Treaty</li> </ul>	Why do people live in South America temporarily? Which continent is the coldest on the planet? How many countries in Antarctica?	Landmark Antarctica Continent Temporary Iceburg Size
9.	How is Alaska different from Cornwall?  LESSON 9 & 10 COMBINED??	<ul> <li>What are the physical features of Cornwall</li> <li>What are the physical features of Alaska</li> <li>How are they different</li> </ul>	What is a physical feature? How is Alaska different from Cornwall?	Alaska Cornwall Mountains Forest Valley Physical Feature

	10.	How is Alaska	<ul><li>What are the</li></ul>		What is a human	Alaska
		similar to	human features		feature?	Cornwall
		Cornwall?	of Cornwall?		How is Alaska the	<b>Human Feature</b>
			<ul><li>What are the</li></ul>		same as Cornwall?	House
			human features			Shop
			of Alaska			<b>Harbour</b>
			<ul><li>How are they</li></ul>			similar
			different			
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# Unit 3 Oceans and Seas - Y1

Prior Knowled ge:		cience link) no Geog discussion in books			
Lesson number	North Star Question	Pupils will learn		Lesson questions ( Just checking questions)	Key Vocabulary
		Substantive	Disciplinary	,	
1.	What is an ocean?	Locational knowledge Definition of an ocean (An ocean is a huge body of salt water) Identifying the 5 oceans on a map Ordering the oceans in size		What is a geographer? Why is our planet called the Blue Planet? What is an ocean? How many continents are there? Which is the largest ocean?	Oceans Pacific Southern Atlantic Arctic Indian
2.	Where are the world's oceans?	Difference between an ocean and a sea     Identifying the different types of seas (enclosed by land or between ocean and land)	Map work  Different types of maps - aerial, topogrophic Features of a map Location of each ocean by identifying the surrounding continents	What is a Geographer? How many oceans are there? Where do you find the sea in relation to the land?	Map Atlas Globe Continent Ocean Sea

3.	How deep is the ocean?	• 5 layers of the ocean (sunlight, twilight, midnight, abyss, trench) • What bioluminescence is • Bioluminescent animals • Identifying 3-4 facts about each layer	What are the layers of the ocean called? Can you name a feature of each layer of the ocean? LESSON DOESN'T ANSWER KEY QUESTION - How many miles deep?	Layers Sunlight Twilight Midnight Deep Abyss trench
4.	Why are our oceans Important? (Science link)	<ul> <li>Ocean covers</li> <li>70% of our earth</li> <li>Importance of the ocean habitat to animals; oxygen; food; medicine; weather pattern; transportation</li> </ul>	How much of our planet is covered in water? What does the ocean provide? Why are they important?	Habitat Food Medicine Transportation Oxygen
5.	What lives in the ocean? (Science link)	What a habitat is - pupils will learn about 4 habitats (coral reef, oyster reef, kelp forest, open ocean)     What a mammal is, examples of marine mammals     What a mollusc is, examples of molluscs     What a crustacean is, example of crustaceans     What fish are, what gills	How many marine animals live in the coral reef? What are gills?	Crustaceans Molluscs Fish Mammals Coral Habitat

		are, example of fish		
6.	How is the ocean different at the North Pole and the Equator?	Human and physical  Identify the differences in temperature at these two places  Observe the differences in the appearance of the sea (ice)  Explore the different types of life in the sea in	What is the imaginary line around the Earth called? Which oceans are near the equator? What is the difference in temperature? What is the difference in marine life?	Temperature Equator Ice Hemisphere North Pole
7.	Why are the oceans under threat?	<ul> <li>Identify ocean is under threat from human activity</li> <li>Explore different habitats that are at risk - coral</li> <li>What is the impact of activity on ocean life</li> </ul>	What are humans doing that is affecting the ocean? What effect is it having?	Human Overfishing Oil Harmful Survive bleach
8.	How are people protecting the oceans?	<ul> <li>Exploring the role of NGOs in protecting the oceans</li> <li>Case study of sea turtles and how people are protecting them in Indonesia</li> </ul>	How big is the Great Pacific rubbish patch? What is the government doing to protect the oceans? How are people/charitie s helping? How are people protecting	Turtles Plastic Harmful Protect

			turtles?	
9.	How can we protect our oceans?	<ul> <li>Plastic in the ocean</li> <li>How plastic got into the ocean</li> <li>How to reduce plastic waste and what actions pupils can take</li> </ul>	How can we stop so much plastic entering the ocean? How can we reduce the amount of plastic we use?	Reuse Threat Rubbish Endangered Impact
10.	Campaigning to protect the Oceans  TIE IN THE LAST POINT WITH LESSON 9 RATHER THAN A WHOLE NEW LESSON	What action could the government take to save the oceans     Explore three different policies that would protect the oceans     Create a thirty second video asking the government to take action on one of these	How does plastic get into the ocean? What can we do to have an impact?	Recycle Plastic Protect Harmful Survive

# Unit 4 Villages, Towns and Cities - Year 2

Prior Knowleg e:	Year 1 Seven Continents- link to looking at school grounds and compass points. Human and physical features of different continents, For example waterfall in Argentina, desert in Chile.  Knowledge organiser				
Lesson number	North Star Question	Pupils will learn		Lesson questions ( Just checking questions)	Key Vocabulary
	Substantive	Disciplinary	questions)		

1.	Where are the world's people?	<ul> <li>How many people live on the planet</li> <li>Where people are distributed globally</li> <li>Which continents have the biggest populations</li> </ul>	Field work Collecting data and presenting it in a simple way	Approximately how many people live on the planet today? What is happening to the world's population? Which country has the most people living in it?	Population Densely populated Sparsely populated
2.	What is a settlement?	<ul> <li>People live in settlements</li> <li>Place knowledge</li> <li>What the differences are between villages, towns and cities</li> <li>Increasing numbers of people live in cities</li> </ul>	Field work Collecting data and presenting it in a simple way.	What is a settlement? What settlement type is the smallest/largest?	Settlement Village Town City
3.	What affects where people live?	<ul> <li>What makes a good location for a settlement</li> <li>What makes a bad location for a settlement</li> <li>What the ideal location for a settlement might be</li> <li>How early settlements were different to settlements today</li> </ul>	Fieldwork Asking and answering basic questions	What are natural resources? Why did people choose to settle in Skara Brae?	Natural Resources Skara Brae r
4,	How are settlements shaped?	How settlements vary in shape     How settlements have patterns		What are the different settlement patterns?	Settlement patterns: Nucleated Dispersed Isolated Linea

5.	What makes up a city?	Human and physical  • What land uses are found in a city.  • What the purpose of these different land uses are.	Map work Simple maps with keys. Atlases appropriate to age.	What areas would you find in a city? What are the similarities and differences between London and New York?	Commerc ial Areas Residenti al Areas Industrial Areas Transportation
6.	How are cities and villages different to live in?	<ul> <li>Where do people live across the globe?</li> <li>Human and physical</li> <li>How life is different for people living in cities and villages</li> </ul>	Map work Identify features on photographs.	What is the Minimum population for a city to be considered a mega city? What are the advantages and disadvantages of living in a village/city?	Megacities Advantages Disadvantages
7.	What human and physical features can I find in my settlement?	Human and physical  Review the physical and human features in a settlement  Identify features of the Settlement where the pupil lives	Map work 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	What are the human features of a settlement? What are the physical features of a settlement?	Human features Physical features
8.	Can I sketch a map of my settlement?		Map work  ● Practice sketching a map of a street  ● Model the process of sketching a settlement  ● Sketch a small part of the settlement where they live	What is a map?	Map Observing Sketching
9.	Can I use symbols and a key in my map?	<ul> <li>Articulate how maps use symbols in a key</li> <li>Draft a more detailed map of my settlement</li> </ul>	Map work Draw a simple map of a known place with a key  Field work Making	What are symbols on a map? What is a key on a map?	Symbols Key

		that uses symbols and a key	observations Using sources such as simple maps, atlases, globes, images and aerial photos.		
10.	How do I describe where things are in my settlement?		Map and fieldwork  Review compass describe where things are in my settlement?  Review compass directions and directional language Model giving directions and routes on a map Practice giving routes and directions on a map	What are the compass points? Where does the needle always point to on a compass?	Compass points North South East West

Unit 5 Understanding Brazil - Y2

Prior Kno wled ge:	Y1 link to Seven Continents - Amazon Rainforest,, Amazon River (second longest River), Which continent is Brazil in? How many continents are there? What are they? <a href="mailto:Knowledge organiser">Knowledge organiser</a>					
Lesso n num	North Star Question	Pupils will learn		Lesson questions ( Just checking questions)	Key Vocabulary	
ber	<b>⊕</b>	Substantive	Disciplinary	,		

1.	Where is Brazil?	Place knowledge  Locate South America on a world map.  Locate Brazil on a map of South America.  Identify and describe the major physical features of Brazil.  Identify and describe the human features of Brazil including major cities.  Recognise the physical and human diversity within Brazil.	Map work Simple maps with keys. Atlases appropriate to age.	Which continent is Brazil on? What is the main language spoken in Brazil? What are the major cities in Brazil?	South America Human and physical features Diversity
2.	Why do people visit Brazil?	Place knowledge  • Understand that people travel to visit different countries for a range of reasons  • Explore the opportunities to visit sites of natural beauty and diversity  • Articulate the human features that make Brazil a popular destination (festivals, sport)	Map work Identify features on photographs.  Field work Making observations  Using sources such as simple maps, atlases, globes, images and aerial photos.	Why do people visit other countries? What human features are there in Brazil? What physical features are there in Brazil?	Human and physical features Natural beauty The Amazon
3.	What are the features of cities in Brazil?	Place knowledge  Explore cities in Brazil and the differences with cities in the UK  Case study: Rio de Janeiro: what are the most important physical and human features	Map work Identify features on photographs.  Field work Making observations  Using sources such as simple maps, atlases, globes, images and aerial photos.	What is the capital city of Brazil? What is the largest city in Brazil? How are cities in Brazil similar/different to those in the UK?	Brasilia Rio de Janeiro

4.	How do experiences within Rio de Janeiro differ?	Human and physical:  Explain how within cities people have very different lives and experiences  Describe what life is like for poorer people in Rio  Describe what life is like for richer people in Rio  Contrast the life experiences of these two groups	Fieldwork Asking and answering simple questions	What is a favela? What is a business district? How do they differ?	Population Favelas Business district
5.	How are populations within Brazil moving?	<ul> <li>Describe the process of urbanisation within Brazil</li> <li>Explain the push and pull factors causing migration</li> </ul>		What is an urban area? What is a rural area? What is migration? What is urbanisation? What are push and pull factors causing migration?	Urban Rural Urbanisation Migration
6.	What is the weather like in Brazil?	Human and physical:  Understand the seasonal weather patterns in Brazil  Explore the extreme weather and the differences in weather across the country Compare weather in Brazil to the UK	Field work Collecting data and presenting it in a simple way.	What is climate? What is weather?What extreme weather conditions affect Brazil?	Climate Extreme weather Equator
7.	How is the weather in Brazil different than the UK?	Human and Physical:  Understand the seasonal weather patterns in the UK  Explain how the weather is different in the UK to Brazil weather patterns	Field work Collecting data and presenting it in a simple way.  Asking and answering simple questions	Why does Brazil have Different Climate zones? How are climate and weather different between the UK and Brazil?	Weather Climate Seasons
8.	Who lives in the Amazon Rainforest?	<ul> <li>Describe the indigineous peoples of the Amazon rainforest</li> <li>Explore their lives</li> </ul>		Where is the Amazon rainforest within Brazil? What is the climate like in the rainforest? What do	Indiginous communities Tribes

		and how they have changed	we mean by an "indigenous community? Where do tribes like the Awá get their food? What are the threats to communities like the Awá tribe?	
9.	Why is the Amazon rainforest declining in size?	<ul> <li>The causes of deforestation in the Amazon rainforest: logging &amp; cattle ranching</li> <li>The importance of the rainforest and how it is being protected</li> </ul>	Why are trees being cut down in the Amazon rainforest? What can we do to help protect the Amazon rainforest?	Deforestation Declining
10	Why is Brazil difficult to describe? ( USE AS AN EXTRA LESSON)	Human and physical  Acknowledge the diversity in Brazil  Describe how different regions of Brazil have different physical and human features.  Use photographs and maps to identify the features of regions in Brazil  Describe these features using geographical language	Why is the geography of Brazil so diverse? What are the different physical features? What are the different human features?	Diverse Diversity Beach Coast River Sea Mountain Port Shop farm

Added lesson	What is weather?	Types of weather	Field work Collecting data and presenting it in a simple way.  Asking and answering simple questions	
	Re-cap from Y1	identify seasonal		
		and daily weather		
		patterns in the		
		<b>United Kingdom</b>		
		and the location of		
		hot and cold areas		
		of the world in		
		relation to the		
		<b>Equator and the</b>		
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		North and South Poles		
Added lesson	What is the weather like in the UK?	NC objective: identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom	Field work Collecting data and presenting it in a simple way.	
		Collect rain and measure rainfall.	Asking and answering simple questions	

More information

### 1. Coherence and flexibility

At KSI, geography will be offered as a discrete subject, organised into units that are each ten lessons long. The number of units per year group will vary between 2 and 3, allowing for other foundation subjects in alternating half terms. This means that schools will have the flexibility to select a unit and teach it at a time that suits their curriculum.

Our approach to geography is organised through thematic enquiry. This should not be conflated with 'enquiry' or 'discovery' based learning, but is rather an approach to ensure substantive knowledge is deliberately and explicitly taught and organised in a meaningful fashion, towards answering a disciplinary appropriate question. As such each

unit will be internally coherent, with carefully selected content framed within lesson-specific enquiries (How do the natural resources of Chile and the UK differ?) and overarching unit enquiries (e.g. How is the production and use of resources changing around the world?).

Units will make the assumption of no prior knowledge, though references to other units of study will be made where appropriate. Schools are strongly encouraged to select units within a two year range with reference to our suggested curriculum map (for example, a year 4 teacher would be advised to select only units at year 3 or year 5 suggested level). This is due to the fact that the difficulty of the tasks is pitched at the suggested year group

# 2. Knowledge organisation

The topics and proposed sequence are organised around thematic units. These provide a narrative to help students make sense of major geographical concepts (e.g. natural processes, place, scale, interrelationships etc). Units start by developing the knowledge, understanding and skills that underpin the narrative, exemplifying the geographical story through examples of different places, at different scales. This will encourage students to consolidate their understanding, but also help them to contextualise their learning; and develop a broader, global appreciation of places as a result. This curriculum contains a broad and varied selection of places although teachers can provide students with alternative examples within their own curriculum offer. For example, you may wish to provide your students with opportunities to engage with local place studies.

There are many different approaches to curriculum design within geography, for example: delivering units through either a regional, thematic, issues- or enquiry- based models. This curriculum has been designed to take a thematic approach, where the application of skills through place is a core principle. Within this approach, different regions of

the world are explored and all units provide opportunities to engage with geographical issues, at a range of different scales with a focus on the interactions between people and the environment and how places can change over time.

Within certain units, a more place-focused approach to curriculum design has been taken where the narrative engages with more detailed case studies. Here, the level of detail at which the place is examined is far greater and the place(s) chosen will be more prominent and interwoven throughout an entire unit.

## 3. Knowledge selection

Decisions about knowledge selection have been guided by:

- powerful knowledge which underpins the subject, allowing pupils to gain a better understanding of both the discipline and the world.
- commonly delivered units within the subject
- the National Curriculum at Key Stages 1 and 2, alongside DfE guidance
- high quality resources already available to us
- consultation with secondary specialists to help backwards plan

Content has been selected for this curriculum that involves making connections between the physical and human world through the study of different places and scales. This also involves concepts that induct students into the discipline of geography so that they can think and question like a geographer, allowing them to make sense of the real world, and at the same time be able to make links between place, space and scale and how these interrelationships can change over time.

The suggested curriculum sequence builds through the key stages so that as students move forward in their education, they are equipped with the prior knowledge that they need to succeed in the next phase.

There can be tension between these principles, and we know that we cannot expect everyone to agree with all of our choices. However, we have applied these principles across the curriculum as a whole and made content selection decisions in good faith.

# 4. Inclusivity and ambition

We want geography lessons to support all children. Our lessons are pitched so that all pupils can get an early sense of success. Our enquiries are designed to gradually build up pupil knowledge so that eventually pupils could produce substantial pieces of work; an essay at the end of each. Our tasks are short and varied and embedded within the lesson videos. Where possible, activities will either be modelled or sample answers will be given after work is complete so that pupils can develop a conception of good geographical writing.

#### 5. Pupil motivation and engagement

We want to develop pupil thinking through a sequence of lessons. This is so that pupils are in the best position to retain new information and so that pupils will realise new information will help them answer the enquiry question. Each enquiry is designed to be an emergent puzzle and each lesson is designed to promote pupil thought about this emergent puzzle. In order to achieve this, lessons will include mini-activities to try to promote some of the pupil thinking that is fostered through class discussion and skilful teacher questioning.

Through careful knowledge selection and crafting engaging narratives our teachers will reveal the intrinsic value in learning about the ever changing world without overwhelming pupils. Tasks and activities will be carefully designed so that pupils can get a sense of success and therefore feel motivated to keep learning more. The hope is that pupils feel so motivated that they feel the need to answer the enquiry question for themselves.

# 6. How will pupils make progress?

The curriculum follows the National Curriculum guidance in terms of scope. A balance has been struck between human and physical geography. Each unit within a Key Stage is a building block of the curriculum and it's sequence is therefore flexible by

design. Lessons within a unit follow the broad format of:

- 1. exposure to new concepts and ideas
- 2. consolidation of the concepts and ideas
- 3. exploring geographical issues related to the theme
- 4. application of the concepts and ideas (to a place or places).

Geography is a diverse subject that covers a range of issues, concepts, and processes. This curriculum is ambitious because it is designed to ensure that all students, regardless of background or ability, will succeed in geography. The curriculum ensures that students acquire new knowledge beyond their everyday experiences, allowing them to make sense of the issues, processes and interrelationships that take place at a local, regional, national, and global scale.

This curriculum is ambitious because it is knowledge-rich, promotes deep thinking and allows students to apply their knowledge and understanding and ask questions like geographers. From this base, students will be able to challenge and engage with future/alternative geographies beyond the curriculum.