

Year 6 Geography Curriculum

What's the big picture? Recap knowledge in year 5. Recap vocabulary around latitude, longitude, equator, northern hemisphere etc.. Children will have thought about the wider world in year 5 - in particular Australia. Recap seven continents. Recap world countries. This is to be continued into looking at North and South America and linked to the year 6 history topic. Children need to understand that we are a small part of a very large world.

Enquiry Question: How varied can one country be?

National Curriculum Objectives	Knowledge and Key Vocabulary	Reading opportunities	Technology
<p>To locate the 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.</p> <p>*To understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region in North and South America</p> <p>Climate zones Biomes and vegetation Types of Settlement</p> <p>To use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied.</p> <p>*To 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</p>	<p>Children to use maps to locate seven continents and other countries within the world. This to be done as a quiz to assess children's retained knowledge.</p> <p>Recap language such as longitude, latitude, southern and northern hemisphere, equator.</p> <p>Assess that children can remember and recall time and climate zones.</p> <p>Big Project: North and South America. During this project children to look carefully at the country, its climate, its different regions and areas, its diversity in vegetation, its culture and how the population has changed overtime.</p> <p>Look at types of settlement and how these have changed overtime. Children throughout this project complete and make a project book, with hand made maps and sketches in order to present to another audience. All work to be collated together in a scrap book. (See Boughton Heath for examples) all children's own work and presentation and design. No worksheets - use art technical information to aid this project.</p>	<p>The Great Kapok Tree - linked to History topic Mayans.</p> <p>The Chocolate Tree: A Mayan Folktale</p> <p>The Explorer - Katherine Rundell</p>	<p>Google maps</p> <p>Using Geo expert Geography app-children can explore around the world looking at different continents, landmarks, rivers, mountains etc.</p> <p>Realms- tests children understanding of country location.</p> <p>World map challenge</p>

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<p>knowledge of the United Kingdom and the wider world. *To use fieldwork to observe, ensure, 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</p>			
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<p>Resources/ Web Links</p>
<p>google maps</p>

<p>Glossary</p>	
<p>hemisphere</p>	<p>A half of the earth, divided into Northern and Southern halves by the equator.</p>
<p>physical features</p>	<p>A natural feature on the surface such as water, mountains or deserts.</p>
<p>atlas</p>	<p>A book of maps and charts.</p>
<p>index</p>	<p>An alphabetical list of subjects with reference to the pages on which they are mentioned.</p>
<p>European country</p>	<p>Any one of the countries occupying the European continent.</p>
<p>Antarctic Circle</p>	<p>The most southerly of 5 major circles of latitude that mark maps of the world.</p>
<p>region</p>	<p>An area, especially part of a country or the world.</p>
<p>rainfall</p>	<p>The quantity of rain falling within a given area in a given time.</p>
<p>temperature</p>	<p>The degree or intensity of heat present.</p>

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OS symbols	Symbols/pictures that represent features on a map.
wind speed	The rate at which air is moving in a particular area.
desert	A waterless, desolate area of land with little or no vegetation.
time zones	A range of longitudes where a common time is used.
map reference	A set of numbers and letters specifying a location as represented on a map.
Arctic circle	The most northerly of 5 major circles of latitude that mark maps of the world.