

NC Strand	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Lower KS2	Upper KS2
Golden					
threads					
Locational	Identifying land and	Locating and naming some	Locating and naming the	To know where North and South America are on a	Locating and naming more countries in Europe and
knowledge	water on a map or globe.	of the world's seven	world's seven continents	world map.	North and South America using maps.
		continents on a world map.	on a world map.		
	Making observations about the characteristics	Location and namina come		To locate and know the names of some countries	Locating major cities of the countries studied.
	of places in stories,	Locating and naming some of the world's oceans on a	Locating and naming the world's five oceans on a	and major cities in Europe and North and South America.	Locating and naming key physical and human
	photographs or the local	world map.	world map.	America.	features in countries studied on a map.
	area.	world map.	wond map.	Locating some key human and physical features in	reactives in countries studied on a map.
		Showing on a map the	Showing on a map the	countries studied on a map including significant	Identifying significant environmental regions on a
	To know some	continent of Europe.	oceans nearest Europe.	environmental regions.	map.
	vocabulary to describe	·	·		·
	different bodies of water.	To know that a continent is	Locating the surrounding	Naming and locating the world's most significant	To name and describe some of the world's
		a group of countries.	seas and oceans of the UK	mountain ranges and volcanoes on a world map and	vegetation belts.
	To know the name of		on a map.	identifying any patterns.	
	their school and the place	To know that an ocean is a			Locating and naming many counties and cities in the
	that they live is Seaham.	large body of water.	Locating the capital cities of the four countries of the	To know that mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes	UK.
	To know some	Locating the four countries	UK on a map and	largely occur at plate boundaries.	Confidently locating the twelve geographical regions
	vocabulary to describe	of the United Kingdom (UK)	identifying human and	Naming and locating some of the world's most	of the UK.
	the characteristics of	on a map of this area.	physical features.	significant rivers and identifying any patterns.	
	different places.	•	,	, , , , ,	Identifying key physical and human characteristics of
		Showing England on a map	Showing the town of	To know that climate zones are areas of the world	the geographical regions in the UK.
		and locating its capital city.	Seaham on a map	with similar climates and know the world's different	
			compared to London.	climate zones.	Understanding how land-use and a locality has
		To know that the UK is			changed over time, giving examples of both physical
		short for 'United Kingdom'.	To know that a sea is a	To know that biomes are areas of world with similar	and human features.
			body of water that is smaller than an ocean.	climates, vegetation and animals and to know the world's biomes.	To know that London and the South East regions
			To know that there are	world's bioffles.	have the largest population in the UK.
			four bodies of water	To know vegetation belts are areas of the world	nate the largest population in the one
			surrounding the UK and to	which are home to similar plant species.	Identifying the location of the Prime/Greenwich
			be able to name them.	·	Meridian and time zones and explaining its
				Locating some local counties and cities to Seaham.	significance.
			To know that a capital city		
			is the city where a	Identifying key physical and human characteristics of	Using longitude and latitude when referencing
			country's government is	counties, cities and geographical regions in the UK.	location in an atlas or on a globe
			located	Reginning to name and locate the twelve	
				Beginning to name and locate the twelve geographical regions of the UK.	
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				To know the main types of land use and some types	
				of settlement.	



				Finding the position of the Equator and describing how this impacts our environmental regions. To know lines of longitude are invisible lines on the globe that show how far east or west a location is from the Prime Meridian.	
				To know lines of latitude are invisible lines on the globe that show how far north or south a location is from the Equator.	
				Identifying the position of the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn and their significance.	
				Identifying the position of the Northern and Southern hemispheres and explaining how they shape our seasons.	
				Identifying the position and significance of both the Arctic and Antarctic Circle.	
Place knowledge	Discussing how environments in stories and images are different to the environment they live in. To know that there are differences between places in England and places in other countries.	Naming some key similarities between their local area and a small area of a contrasting non-European country. Naming some key differences between Seaham and a small area of a contrasting non-European country. Recognising that life in other countries has similarities and differences.	Describing some key similarities and differences between Seaham and a small area of a contrasting non-European country. Describing what physical features may occur in a hot place in comparison to a cold place.	Describing and beginning to explain similarities and differences between two regions studied. Describing how and why humans have adapted in different ways to their local environments. Discussing how climates have an impact on trade, land use and settlement. To know the positive and negative effects of living near a volcano. To know how people can respond to earthquakes.	Describing and explaining similarities and differences between two environmental regions studied. Explaining how and why humans have responded in different ways to their local environments in two contrasting regions. Understanding how climates impact on trade, land use and settlement. Explaining how humans have used desert environments. Using maps to explore trade.
Human and physical geography	To know that the terms Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter are used to describe the season and know some characteristics.	Describing how the weather changes with each season in the UK. Describing the daily weather patterns in Seaham.	Locating the Equator and North and South Poles on a world map. Locating hot and cold areas of the world in relation to	Mapping and labelling the seven biomes on a world map. Understanding some of the causes of climate change.	To compare the UK to a European mountain region. Describing and understanding the key features of the world's biomes. Describing and understanding the key features of the world's climate zones.



	Observing and discussing		the Equator and the North	Describing how physical features, such as mountains	Understanding some of the impacts and causes of
	the effect the changing	To know the four seasons	and South poles.	and rivers are formed, and why volcanoes and	climate change and sharing viewpoints and solutions
	seasons have on the	of the UK.	To know that the Equator is	earthquakes occur and knowing their impact.	around environmental issues.
	world around them.		an imaginary line around		
		To know that different	the middle of the Earth and	To know about the process of the water cycle.	Describing the distribution of vegetation belts in
	Making observations	parts of the UK often	is closer to the sun.		relation to biomes, climate and weather.
	about the features and	experience different		To know the key features and journey of a river.	
	characteristics of places.	weather.	To know that the North		To name and describe some of the world's
			Pole is the northernmost	To know the different types of mountains and	vegetation belts.
	To know some	To know that a weather	point of the Earth and the	volcanoes and how they are formed.	
	vocabulary to describe	forecast is when someone	South Pole is the		To know why the ocean is important.
	different bodies of water.	tries to predict the	southernmost point of the	To know the world's biomes and climate zones and	
		weather.	Earth.	know this can influence foods able to grow.	Describing and understanding economic activity
	To know some				including trade links.
	vocabulary to describe	To know that weather	To know that different	Describing and understanding types of settlement	
	the key characteristics of	conditions can be	parts of the world	and land use.	Considering why the global population has grown
	different places.	measured and recorded.	experience different		significantly in the last 70 years.
			weather conditions and	Explaining why different locations have different	
		To know that physical	that these are often caused	human features and why people might prefer to live	Describing the 'push' and 'pull' factors that people
		features means any feature	by their location.	in an urban or rural place.	may consider when migrating.
		of an area that is on the			
		Earth naturally.	Describing the key physical	Describing the impact of humans on a place.	Understanding the distribution of natural resources
			and human features of a		both globally and within a specific region and that
		To know that human	coast and to know that	To know that a natural resource is something that	they can be used to make energy.
		features means any feature	they change over time.	people can use which comes from the natural	
		of an area that was made		environment.	Recognising geographical issues affecting people in
		or built by humans.	To know some key human		different places and environments.
			and physical features of the	To know the threats to the rainforest.	
		To recognise physical and	UK.		Describing and explaining the positive and negative
		human features in Seaham.		To know that about fair trade.	impact of human activity.
			Describing and		
			understanding the	To know that the UK grows food locally and imports	
			differences between a city,	food from other countries.	
			town and village.		
			To know that a see is a		
			To know that a sea is a		
			body of water that is		
Coograph	Ack and anguar simple	Acking and answering	smaller than an ocean.	Reginning to choose the best approach to answer as	Davidoning their own anguire questions and
Geography	Ask and answer simple	Asking and answering	Discussing and sorting the	Beginning to choose the best approach to answer an	Developing their own enquiry questions and
skills and	questions about the world around them.	simple questions about the	physical and human	enquiry question.	choosing the best approach to answering an enquiry
fieldwork	world around them.	school grounds.	features they see in the local area.	Manning land use in a small local area using mans	question.
	Observing features in the	Drawing some of the	local alea.	Mapping land use in a small local area using maps	Making skotch maps of areas studied including labels
	school grounds.	features they notice in the	Asking and answering	and plans.	Making sketch maps of areas studied including labels and keys.
	scriour grounus.	school grounds on a simple	Asking and answering simple questions about	Planning data collection to answer an enquiry-based	allu keys.
		sketch map.	human and physical	question.	Selecting appropriate methods for data collection.
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and identifying the 8 compass points.

Recording some of the		features of the area		
features they notice in	Using simple recording	surrounding their school	Observing, recording, and naming geographical	Beginning to use Geographical Information Syste
the school grounds.	techniques to express their	grounds.	features in their local environments.	
	likes and dislikes about a			To identify and mitigate potential risks during
Beginning to share their	place.	Collecting quantitative data	Recording observations by making annotated	fieldwork.
likes and dislikes about a		through a small survey to	sketches, maps or taking photographs during	
place.	Using an atlas to locate the UK and its four countries.	answer an enquiry question.	fieldwork.	To use drawings, graphs, presentations and digitechnologies when communicating geographica
Looking and talking about		•	Presenting data using plans, freehand sketch maps,	information.
simple maps of places	Beginning to use an atlas or	Taking photographs of	annotated drawings, graphs, presentations, writing	
and recognising some	map to locate the four	geographical features in	and digital technologies when communicating	Analysing data and drawing conclusions about a
features.	capital cities of the UK.	Seaham.	geographical information.	enquiry using findings from fieldwork.
Beginning to use some	Using a world map or globe	Presenting data in simple	Suggesting different ways that a locality could be	Evaluating evidence collected and suggesting w
directional language.	to locate some of the world's continents.	tally charts or pictograms and commenting on what	changed and improved.	improve this.
Drawing their own map		the data shows.	Beginning to use maps at more than one scale.	Confidently using and understanding maps at m
of a place.	Using an atlas to locate		Using atlases, maps, globes, satellite images and	than one scale.
•	some of the world's	Recognising why maps	digital mapping to locate countries.	
	oceans.	need a title.		Using atlases, maps, globes and digital mapping
			Using atlases, maps, globes and beginning to use	locate countries.
	Using directional language	Using an atlas to locate the	digital mapping to recognise and describe physical	
	to describe the location of	four capital cities of the UK.	features and human features in some countries.	Using atlases, maps, globes and digital mapping
	objects in the school	Using a world map, globe		describe and explain physical and human feature
	grounds or to describe	and atlas to locate the	Using scale on a map to estimate distances.	some countries.
	features on a map.	world's continents.		
			Beginning to use the key on an OS map to name and	Identifying, analysing and asking questions about
	Responding to instructions	Using a world map, globe	recognise key physical and human features in	features on maps.
	using directional language	and atlas to locate the	regions studied.	
	to follow routes.	world's five oceans.		Using the scale bar on a map to calculate distar
			Accurately using 4-figure grid references to locate	Recognising an increasing range of Ordnance Su
	Beginning to use the	Using locational language	features on a map in regions studied.	symbols on maps and locating features using si
	compass points.	and the compass points to		figure grid references.
		describe the location of	Beginning to locate features using the 8 points of a	
	Recognising local	features or a route on a	compass.	Recognising the difference between Ordnance
	landmarks on aerial	map.		Survey and other maps and when it is most
	photographs.		Using a simple key on their own map to show an	appropriate to use each.
		Using locational language	example of both physical and human features.	
	Recognising basic human	and the compass points to		Beginning to use thematic maps to recognise ar
	and physical features on	plan a route in the	Following a route on a map with some accuracy and	describe human and physical features studied.
	aerial photographs.	playground or school	using directions.	Using models and maps to talk about contours
		grounds and following the		slopes.
	Drawing a simple sketch	map.	Labelling some features on an aerial photograph and	
	maps using simple pictures,		then locating these on an OS map.	Following a short pre-prepared route on an OS i
	colours or symbols to			and identifying the 8 compace points

colours or symbols to



represent features and	Recognising landmarks of a	To know that an OS map shows human and physical	Planning a journey to another part of the world using
adding labels.	city studied on aerial	features as symbols.	six figure grid references and the eight points of a
	photographs.	,	compass.
Using simple picture maps		To recognise the main types of land use.	
and plans to move around	Recognising human and		To be aware of some geographical issues in Seaham.
the school.	physical features on aerial		
	photographs and plan		
	perspectives.		
	Drawing a map and using		
	agreed symbols to make a		
	simple key to represent some human and physical		
	features.		
	reatures.		
	Finding a given OS symbol		
	on a map with support.		
	Beginning to draw objects		
	to scale (relative to size).		
	Using an aerial photograph		
	to draw a simple sketch		
	map using basic symbols		
	for a key.		