

Barrow CEVC Primary School

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GEOGRAPHY IMPLEMENTATION



Geography - Implementation

Modular Approach – Knowledge

At Barrow Primary School, Geography is taught across each year group in modules through our curriculum that enables pupils to study in depth key geographical understanding, skills and vocabulary. Each module aims to activate and build upon prior learning, including EYFS, to ensure better cognition and retention. Each module is carefully sequenced to enable pupils to purposefully layer learning from previous sessions to facilitate the acquisition and retention of key geographical knowledge. Each module is revisited either later in the year or in the following year as part of a spaced retrieval practice method to ensure pupils retain key knowledge and information.



Latitude and longitude study

Year 4 Autumn Term

Locational knowledge

 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)

Year 3	Previous learning Year 3	Year 4
Introduce and revisit UK Study	Human and Physical features OS map skills and fieldwork	Rivers

Subject Skills

As well as ensuring pupils are taught key knowledge, each module is designed to offer pupils the opportunity to develop their skills as a geographer in asking questions, planning and carrying out fieldwork, collecting and analysing information and drawing conclusions.



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Principles – Implementing the Principle of the Curriculum

A guiding principle of CUSP Geography is that each study draws upon prior learning. For example, in the EYFS, pupils may learn about People, Culture and Communities or The Natural World through daily activities and exploring their locality and immediate environment. This is revisited and positioned so that new and potentially abstract content in Year 1 can be put into a known location and make it easier to cognitively process. Pupils in EYFS explore globes and world locations through their curiosity corners, making links to where animals live. This substantive knowledge is used to remember and position the locations of continents and oceans, with more sophisticated knowledge. High volume and deliberate practice are essential for pupils to remember and retrieve substantive knowledge and use their disciplinary knowledge to explain and articulate what they know. This means pupils make conscious connections and think hard, using what they know. CUSP Geography is built around the principles of cumulative knowledge focusing on spaces, places, scale, human and physical processes with an emphasis on how content is connected and relational knowledge acquired. An example of this is the identification of continents, such as Europe, and its relationship to the location of the UK.

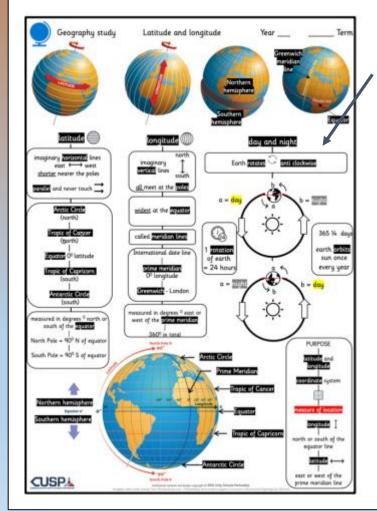
CUSP Geography equips pupils to become 'more expert' with each study and grow an ever broadening and coherent mental model of the subject. This guards against superficial, disconnected and fragmented geographical knowledge. Specific and associated geographical vocabulary is planned sequentially and cumulatively from Year 1 to Year 6. High frequency, multiple meaning words (tier 2) are taught and help make sense of subject specific words (tier 3). Each learning module in geography has a vocabulary module with teacher guidance, tasks and resources. CUSP Geography is planned so that the retention of knowledge is much more than just 'in the moment knowledge'. The cumulative nature of the curriculum is made memorable by the implementation of Bjork's desirable difficulties, including retrieval and spaced retrieval practice, word building and deliberate practice tasks. This powerful interrelationship between structure and research-led practice is designed to increase substantive knowledge and accelerate learning within and between study modules. That means the foundational knowledge of the curriculum is positioned to ease the load on the working memory: new content is connected to prior learning. The effect of this cumulative model supports opportunities for children to associate and connect with places, spaces, scale, people, culture and processes.



Knowledge Organisers and Knowledge Notes

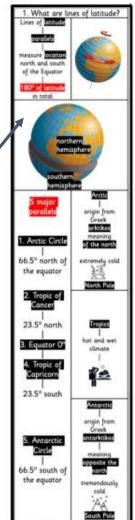
Accompanying each module is a Knowledge Organiser which contains key vocabulary, information and concepts which all pupils are expected to understand and retain. Knowledge notes are the elaboration and detail to help pupils acquire the content of each module. They support vocabulary and concept acquisition through a well-structured sequence that is cumulative. Each Knowledge Note begins with questions that link back to the cumulative quizzing, focussing on key content to be learnt and understood. Knowledge Organisers and Knowledge Notes are dual coded to provide pupils with visual calls to aid understanding and recall.

Knowledge Organisers and Knowledge notes are referenced throughout each module and copies of the Knowledge Organiser are sent home to families to support with home learning. In addition, pupils can access at home key learning platforms that are used in school e.g. Curriculum Visions.



Example Knowledge Organiser for Year 4 unit looking at longitude and latitude.

> Example Knowledge Note - Learning question 1 - Year 4 Longitude and Latitude Unit.



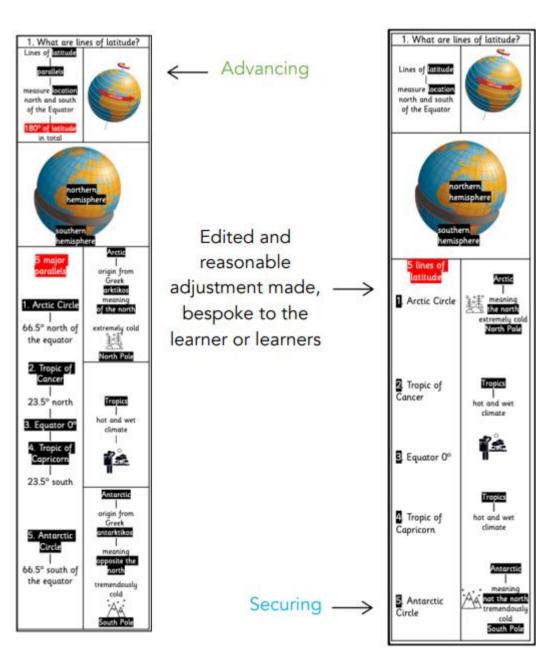


Reasonable adjustments: inclusion and SEND

Accompanying each learning question is a knowledge note which contains key vocabulary, information and concepts which all pupils are expected to understand and retain.

Our dual coded knowledge notes are a valuable resource in the teaching of substantive knowledge and vocabulary acquisition.

Our editable knowledge notes enable us to make reasonable adjustments, which are bespoke to the learner, to ensure that all pupils are able to access the curriculum.





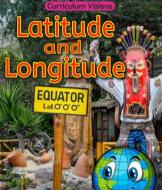
Geography and Literacy

Reading

In our geography curriculum we encourage pupils to access high quality texts to support their learning and develop their skills in accessing information from a range of sources. Teachers model reading geographical texts and pupils spend time partner reading or reading independently to acquire knowledge or deepen their understanding.

All children have access to the 'Curriculum Visions' website, which is a digital library with a range of high quality texts tailored to our curriculum. Children are provided with opportunities to extend their learning, or carry out prereading tasks about their current unit of learning. We believe this helps to raise the profile of our foundation curriculum, by actively involving parents in supporting their children's learning and development at home.





Vocabulary

Specific and associated geographical vocabulary is planned sequentially and cumulatively from Year 1 to Year 6. High frequency, multiple meaning words (Tier 2) are taught alongside and help make sense of subject specific words (Tier 3). Each learning module in geography has a vocabulary module with teacher guidance, tasks and resources

Each learning module is accompanied by a vocabulary resource pack which assists the explicit teaching of vocabulary. These vocabulary tasks are used to model and develop coherent vocabulary understanding through the multifaceted vocabulary instruction.

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co-ordinate	each of a group used to indicate of a point, line or	the position	latitude	regions with reference to their temperature and distance from the equator	
parallel	two or more lines to to each other are to distance apart at e	he same	longitude	the distance of a place east or west of the Greenwich meridian, measured in degrees	
determine	to discover the fa something; to ca something exact	lculate	horizontal	flat and level; going across and parallel to the ground rather than going up and down	
circumnavigate	sail or travel all th something e.g. th		vertical	going straight up or down from a level surface or from top to bottom in a picture	
constitutes	be (a part) of a w	hole	meridian	one of the lines that is drawn from the North Pole to the South Pole on a map of the world	
straddle	extend across bo	th sides of	equator	an imaginary line around the earth at an equal distance from the North and South Poles	
	Etymolo	gy and morph	ology for explicit	instruction	
Prefix / Suffix / Root	Meaning	Examples	Examples		
para	ara beside, near parallel, par		meter, parachute		
circ(um)	around, round	circle, circun	nference, circus, circ	uit	
vert	tum	covert, inver	t, vertical		
lat	road, wide latitude, lateral, dilate				



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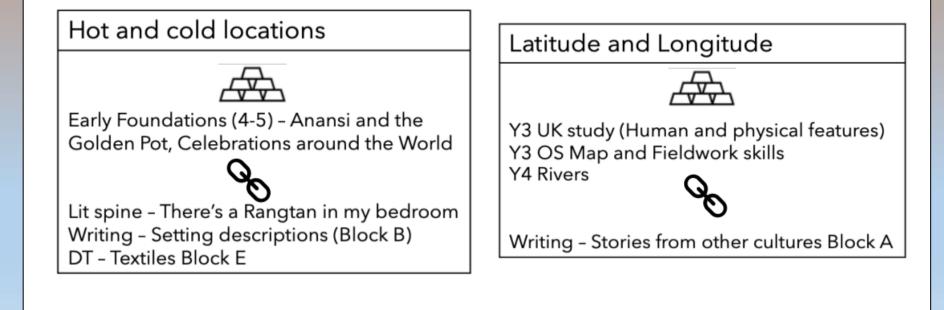
When discussing their findings or presenting information, pupils are encouraged to speak using full sentences and incorporating the key subject vocabulary.

Our curriculum allows a opportunities for children to acquire skills which they may not have acquired at home: skills which we believe will help them to take up further educational opportunities.

Writing

Pupils are encouraged to write across all areas of the curriculum and teachers model how to write purposefully in each subject using key structures and vocabulary. Pupils are encouraged to use their curriculum books as reference books, using previous work, knowledge organisers and knowledge notes.

With cognitive science at the heart of our curriculum, our geography units are sequenced to provide pupils with opportunities to apply their substantive knowledge from recent year groups or key stages to current writing modules.





Thinking Geography Tasks

A menu of disciplinary knowledge tasks accompany each learning question. Teachers select at least one task that will consolidate and elaborate pupil understanding relating to the teaching of the knowledge note.

These disciplinary knowledge tasks are only completed after the explicit instruction of the content in the knowledge note.

These tasks provide relevant and sophisticated CHALLENGE for pupils to think hard about the content – creating coherent long-term memory.

We refer these tasks as 'thinking geographically tasks'

Year 4: Latitude and longitude

O1 What are lines of latitude?

Proving



Prepare a table of statements for pupils to complete based on the information on the Knowledge Note and other sources.

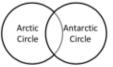
Statement	Always true	Sometimes true	Never true	Proof (evidence)
Lines of latitude are parallel to one another.				
Lines of latitude are the same length.				

Challenge: pupils create their own statement for a partner.

Comparing



What is the same and what is different about the Arctic Circle and the Antarctic Circle? Use the Knowledge Note and other sources to support your ideas. Record them as a Venn diagram.



Challenge: write one fact from the Knowledge Note which doesn't apply to either region.

Deciding

Jess says that lines of latitude are evenly spaced and cover the same distance around the Earth.



Is she correct? Explain how you know.

Connecting

Around the World in Eighty Days is a book which tells the story of Phileas Fogg's circumnavigation of the world. If you circumnavigated the world, which of the lines of latitude listed on the Knowledge Note would you choose to travel along? Explain your reasoning by referencing specific countries and climates.



Resources

All Geography modules are underpinned by high quality texts which support wider curriculum reading.

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As well as our own school library, extensive site and online resources, we also access, where possible local organisations and the local library and enable children to broaden their geographical understanding and curiosity through educational visits and field work.



Google Earth and Digital Mapping



3D Interactive Globe



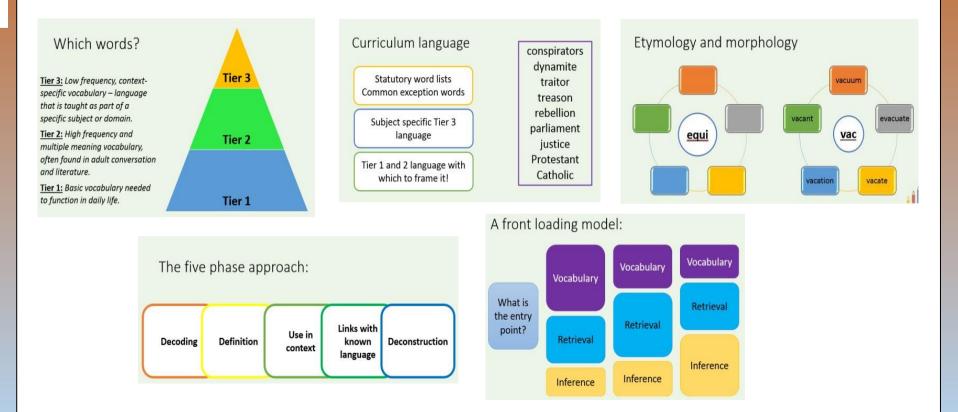
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Continuous Professional Development

All staff have undergone CPD in Cognitive Load Theory, Spaced Practice Retrieval Theory and planning the wider curriculum which has supported the development of a modular wider curriculum.



Teachers are encouraged to develop their subject knowledge by accessing resources and disseminating good practice in school.