

## Geography in EYFS

The EYFS framework is structured differently to the Primary National Curriculum as it is organised across seven areas of learning rather than subject areas. The aim of this document is to demonstrate how the skills taught across EYFS feed into the Primary National Curriculum subjects and our Primary Foundation Curriculum at Key Stage 1.

<b>Early Years Summary Objectives</b>	<b>Key Stage 1 Summary Objectives</b>
<p>In Early Years children will develop their knowledge about their immediate environment through observation, discussion, stories and maps. They will explore the natural world around them, including the seasons.</p>	<p>In Key Stage 1 children will develop their knowledge about the United Kingdom and their own locality. They will learn how to use maps, atlases and globes as well as learn simple compass directions. The children will also study seasonal and daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom and look at the hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the equator and the North and South Poles.</p>

The table below outlines the statements taken from the Early Learning Goals in the EYFS statutory framework and the Development Matters age ranges for Three and Four-Year-Olds and Reception, both of which provide the key concepts and foundational knowledge that is built upon within our Key Stage 1 programme of study for geography.

Related statements for geography are taken from the following areas of learning:

- **Understanding the World**

## Preparing for Geography in the EYFS

Reception	Understanding the World	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Talk about members of their immediate family and community</li> <li>• Draw information from a simple map.</li> <li>• Understand that some places are special to members of their community.</li> <li>• Recognise some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries.</li> <li>• Explore the natural world around them.</li> <li>• Describe what they see, hear and feel whilst outside.</li> <li>• Recognise some environments that are different from the one in which they live.</li> <li>• Understand the effect of changing seasons on the natural world around them.</li> </ul>	
Early Learning Goals	Understanding the World	<i>People, Culture and Communities</i>	<p>Children at the expected level of development will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, non-fiction texts and maps;</li> <li>• Know some similarities and differences between different religious and cultural communities in this country, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class;</li> <li>• Explain some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries, drawing on knowledge from stories, non-fiction texts and – when appropriate – maps.</li> </ul>
		<i>The Natural World</i>	<p>Children at the expected level of development will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants;</li> <li>• Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class;</li> <li>• Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter.</li> </ul>