Geography has essential content identified for individual year groups to teach. This is specific areas or knowledge which must be covered by that year group.

| | Year 3 | Year 4 |
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| | Human and physical geography | Human and physical geography |
| | Describe and understand key aspects of: | Describe and understand key aspects of: |
| National Curriculum | Physical geography, including: climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts, rivers, mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes, and the water cycle Human geography, including: types of settlement and | Physical geography, including: climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts, rivers, mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes, and the water cycle Human geography, including: types of settlement and |
| | land use, economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water | land use, economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water |
| | Place Knowledge Understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom, a region in a European country, and a region within North or South America. | Place Knowledge Understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom, a region in a European country, and a region within North or South America. |
| | PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY | PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY |
| Essential Content | Describe and understand key aspects of: | Describe and understand key aspects of: |
| | mountains | rivers |
| | volcanoes | the water cycle |
| | earthquakes | Geography association suggested unit: Investigating Rivers (printed) |
| | HUMAN GOEGRAPHY | |
| | Describe and understand key aspects of: | HUMAN GOEGRAPHY |
| | Types of settlement and land use PLACE KNOWLEDGE | Describe and understand key aspects of: Types of settlement and land use |
| | United Kingdom | Geography association suggested unit: Superschemes: A Village in India (printed) |
| | Geography association suggested unit: | |
| | Investigating settlements at Key Stage 1 and 2 | PLACE KNOWLEDGE Europe |
| | | Suggested association resources: Investigating settlements at Key Stage 1 and 2 |