Birchwood Junior School

Geography: Progression of Vocabulary

Geography focus, Years 3 to 6

Our geographical concepts

Map Skills & Navigation | Climate & Change | Settlements & Resources | Physical Processes | Interdependence & Diversity | Place Knowledge

Year	Terms 1 and 2	Terms 3 and 4	Terms 5 and 6
Year 3	continent, ocean, Arctic, Antarctic, crust, mantle, core, magma, magma, lava, vent, crater, ash and flank, active, dormant, Pacific rim, eruption, fertile, pumice, global, fault, tectonic plates, tsunamis, earthquake, richter scale, biome, polar, tundra, nomadic	valley, gorge, resources, shelter, cave, transportation,	county NSEW, NE, NW, SE, SW city, town, river, hills, forest, human, physical temperate zone, climate, biome, deciduous deforestation, Royal Park, environment
Year 4	ocean, sea, landscape, mountain, river, city state, urban, suburban, rural, coastal, beach, sand, pebble, tide, cliff, stack, headland, arch, stump, deposition, dunes, groynes, source, mouth, meander, tributary, upstream, downstream,		mountain, United Kingdom, river system, physical features, human features, Wolds, Edge, market town, coastline, landlocked, farm, arable, enclosures, harvest, cereal, crops, arable, import, seasonality, food miles, self-sustaining, produce, locally sourced, hemisphere, ocean, mountain, tropics, equator, rainforest, tropical, biome, biodiversity, canopy, habitat, source, mouth, meander, tributary, confluence, river basin deforestation, climate change, extinction
Year 5	coastline, mountainous, fjord taiga, biome, climate Scandinavia border	grid reference, navigation, longitude, latitude, climate, urbanisation, wealth, life expectancy, transect, gulf stream, prevailing, air pressure Ocean, Sea, mountain, river, fault line countries, borders, nations, cities, capitals, state, county, landlocked, coastal, peninsula, biome, climate, vegetation belt, tundra, plains, tectonic plates, folding, fault, intrusion, glacial erosion, compare, contrast, source, mouth, meander, canyon, gorge, erosion, deposition, tourism, environmental, impact	
Year 6	border, Europe physical, human, mountainous, battlefields, suburb, social housing	desert, biome, climate, settlement population, agriculture, flourish, inhabitants, grid references, position	biome, climate, longitude, latitude, position Precipitation, habitat, interdependence, prevailing winds, climate changes, environment, climate event, vegetation belt, deforestation, timber, temperate, deciduous, global warming, polar ice, sea levels, contour lines, surge, flood defences, flooding, marine biome, aquatic, sunlight zone, twilight zone, midnight zone, gyre, plastic pollution, microplastics, effluence, sewage, solutions