



Swallowfield Geography 2024 - 2025

Curriculum Overview

Autumn

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	<p>My World</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My family • Me • My home • Houses • Local area walk • Festivals and celebrations - Diwali and Christmas around the world <p>Seasonal Changes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • weather changes in Autumn/winter 	<p>Out and About - (Local area and creating maps)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the features of a park? • How can I get from my school to the local park? • Explore the local park. • Where are the swings? • What are other parks in the world like? • How can we improve our local park? 	<p>Travelling through Time</p> <p>Map Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mapping it out: Creating a sketch map of our local area. • Planning a route: Planning a route with a map of the local area. • View from above: Exploring aerial views. • Atlas Skills UK: • Atlas Skills: The World 	<p>Extreme Earth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • describe the properties of the Earth's layers; • explain how a volcano is formed; • describe what happens when a volcano erupts; • describe some risks and benefits of living near a volcano; • explain why earthquakes occur; • explain how tsunamis occur; • explain how to keep safe in a tsunami; • explain where tornadoes happen 	<p>Where In the UK?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choose your area to research • How does it compare to Woburn Sands • Write a travel guide • What goes in the area you have researched? • How is land used in your chosen area? • What are the landscapes like in your chosen area? 	<p>Marvellous Maps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use atlases • Identify and use Ordnance Survey symbols • Use OS Maps to plan a route in the local area • Create a map • Identify and use the 8 points on a compass • Use six figure grid references 	<p>Amazing Americas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use atlases • explain that a continent is a large landmass • explain that continents are groups of countries • identify some countries in North America • identify some countries in South America • describe physical features of an area of the Americas • describe the climate of an area of the Americas • describe the human geography of an area of North America • explain what latitude is • identify the equator, tropics and poles on a map • explain that coordinates pinpoint a geographical location • name some wonders of the America

Spring

Traditional tales

- role playing familiar roles within our world

Space

- Our world
- Earth Day
- Recycling
- Climate change
- Maps
- The continents

Around the World

- Learning about England, Africa, Australia and Antarctica
- Learning about contrasting countries, similarities and differences in weather
- Tasting foods from different countries
- Using a map
- Using a globe

Mapping

- planning a route around the school and using BeeBots to direct

Seasonal Changes

- weather changes in Spring

London

- name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas
- Locate London on a map and describe its location
- Identify and describe landmarks of London
- use compass points and positional direction to navigate between London landmarks
- identify and describe a variety of geographical features in London
- explore seasonal weather patterns in London – collect data for Woburn Sands weather and compare
- plan a trip to London

China

- Where is China: Finding China on a map.
- Exploring China: Learning about the culture
- Comparing China and The UK
- Comparing Chinese and British Schools

Land Use

- Draw simple sketch map using major landmarks.
- Identify landmarks using a key.
- Draw a simple sketch map to show buildings in an area.
- Annotate a map to show major landmarks.
- List land uses in urban and rural areas.
- Identify rural and urban areas in the UK.
- Explain what most rural land is used for in the UK.
- Compare two maps.
- Explain why an area is suited to crop or livestock farming

All around the World

- Uses sources to identify countries.
- Locate capital cities
- Discover the key geological features of each continent
- Locate countries on a world map
- Identify continents.

Magnificent Mountains

- Use maps to locate countries and their features
- Locate key mountain ranges
- Identify land mass higher than the UK
- Identify key features of mountains and mountain ranges
- Explore how mountains and ranges are formed
- Explain mountainous climates
- Explore the impact of tourism on Mountains

Rivers, Waterways and Seas of the UK

- KS2 - name and locate counties and cities of the United Kingdom, geographical regions and their identifying human and physical characteristics, key topographical features (including hills, mountains, coasts and rivers), and land-use patterns; and understand how some of these aspects have changed over time
- KS2 - describe and understand key aspects of physical geography, including: climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts, rivers, mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes, and the water cycle
- KS2 - use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studies.

Summer

Minibeasts

- noticing and observing skills
- Climate change and pollination - bees

Dinosaurs

- rocks and fossils - where in the world dinosaurs come from

Seasonal Changes

- weather changes in Summer

Africa – Kenya

- Locate Africa on a world map and identify the country of Kenya
- explore the climate and weather of Kenya
- explore the animals of Kenya
- use compass points to navigate around a map
- explore the landscapes of Kenya
- find out about the people and culture of Kenya
- identify similarities and differences between Kenya and London

Oceans and Seas

- Human and Physical Geographical Features
- Where are our seashores?
- Features of the Seaside
- Has the seaside changed over time?
- Exploring a seaside town.
- What is an Island
- Plastic pollution
- UK Seas and Oceans
- World Seas and Oceans

Rainforests

- name some countries where rainforests are found.
- label a map to show countries where rainforests are found.
- find the Equator on a map.
- tell you that rainforests are found near the Equator.
- describe what the weather is usually like in a tropical climate.
- name the four layers of a rainforest.
- tell you about the climate in each layer.
- tell you more about one animal living in a rainforest.
- tell you some similarities between the Amazon rainforest and Sherwood Forest.
- tell you some differences between the Amazon rainforest and Sherwood Forest.
- tell you what deforestation means.

Water

- The changing state of water.
- The water cycle.
- Making clouds and rain.
- Treating water
- Flooding.
- Water pollution.

Our Changing World

- Describe and understand key aspects of 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.
- Explain how electricity is generated and distributed
- Identify where electricity is generated
- Explore renewable and non-renewable energy sources
- Identify where our food comes from and explore the concept of food miles.
- Understand the importance of conserving food, water and energy supplies
- Understand that access to natural resources varies in different countries

Europe

- introduce the geographical location of Europe, including its position on the globe
- Explore the various countries that make up Europe, their names, and their locations on the map.
- Learn about the capital cities of different European countries and their importance.
- Discover some of the famous landmarks in Europe, such as the Eiffel Tower and the Colosseum.
- Study the flags of different European countries, their designs, and the symbolism behind them.
- Understand the diverse weather patterns and climate zones found across Europe.
- Explore the physical characteristics of Europe, including mountains, rivers, and coastlines.
- Investigate the different environmental regions in Europe and their unique ecosystems.
- Focus on the trade in Europe, including the history, major industries, and economic integration.

