

Ashtree Primary School and Nursery Medium Term Plan for Geography

Reception – Location Knowledge

Key Vocabulary: Town, School, Road, Globe, Countries, Places, Maps.

Key Knowledge

Children can be taught key knowledge by following the steps below:

Spring 1 – I wonder... where we are?

1. Find out our school name, school road and town we live in
2. Use Google maps alongside paper maps to locate our school and classrooms within
3. Go on a walk around the immediate environment to understand local features first hand
4. Use Google Maps alongside paper maps to locate our town and familiar features/locations within. Children to draw information from the maps such as roads, water, parks and buildings

Spring 2 – I wonder...Is anywhere different to here?

5. Recap understanding about our local environment
6. Use non fiction texts about the rainforest to discuss what is the same and what is different about the contrasting locations. Discussing plants, animals and life of the people
7. Using Google maps, alongside paper maps to locate where the rainforests are compared to the United Kingdom

Key Skills

Prior Knowledge –

Development Matters – Three to Four Year Olds

- Know that there are different countries in the world and talk about the differences they have experienced or seen in photos.

Development Matters 2020 – Reception

- Draw information from a simple map
- Recognise some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries.
- Recognise some environments that are different from the one in which they live.

ELG –

- Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, non-fiction texts, and maps;
- 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.

Suggested Activities

Exposure to maps, globes

Sorting animals onto the map (include continents)

Use of texts such as Katie in London, Handa's Hen, Something Special,

This will lead to . . .

Location Knowledge Year 1:

- Pupils can name and locate three (Europe, Africa, North America) of the seven continents of the world
- Pupils can name and locate two (Atlantic and Pacific) of the five oceans of the world
- Pupils can identify that they live in England in the UK and name the capital city.