Geography Skills Progression

	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Geographical Enquiry	*Begin to ask/initiate geographical questions.	*Ask and respond to questionsand offer their own ideas.	*Begin to suggest questions for investigating	*Suggest questions for investigating
	*Use books, stories, atlases, pictures/photos and internet as sources of information.	*Extend to satellite images, aerial Photographs	* Begin to use secondary sources of evidence in their investigations.	*Use primary and secondary sources of evidence in their investigations.
	*Investigate places and themes at more than one scale *Begin to collect and record evidence *Analyse evidence and begin to draw conclusions e.g. make comparisons between two locations using photos/pictures, temperatures in different locations.	*Investigate places and themes at more than one scale *Collect and record evidence with some aid *Analyse evidence and draw conclusions e.g. make comparisons between locations photos/pictures/ maps	*Investigate places with more emphasis on the larger scale; contrasting and distant places *Collect and record evidence unaided *Analyse evidence and draw conclusions e.g. from field work compare historical maps of varying scales e.g. temperature of various locations.	*Investigate places with more emphasis on the larger scale; contrasting and distant places *Collect and record evidence unaided *Analyse evidence and draw conclusions e.g. from field work, data on land use comparing land use/temperature, look at patterns and explain reasons behind it
Direction/Location	*Use 4 compass points to follow/give directions: *Use letter/no. co-ordinates to locate features on a map.	*Use 4 compass points well: *Begin to use 8 compass points; *Use letter/no. co- ordinates to locate features on a map confidently.	*Use 8 compass points; *Begin to use 4 figure co- ordinates to locate features on a map.	*Use 8 compass points confidently and accurately; *Use 4 figure co-ordinates confidently to locate features on a map.
Drawing maps	*Try to make a map of a short route experienced, with features in correct order;	*Make a map of a short route experienced, with features in correct order;	*Begin to draw a variety of maps. E.g. political/physical	*Begin to draw plans of increasing complexity.
	*Try to make a simple scale drawing.	*Make a simple scale drawing.		

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Representation	*Know why a key is needed. * Use standard symbols.	*Know why a key is needed. *Begin to recognise symbols on an OS map.	*Draw a sketch map using symbols. *Use/recognise OS map symbols.	*Use/recognise OS map symbols; *Use atlas symbols and a key
Using maps	*Locate places on larger scale maps e.g. map of Europe. Follow a route on a map with some accuracy. (e.g. whilst orienteering)	*Locate places on large scale maps, (e.g. Find UK or India on globe) *Follow a route on a large scale map.	*Select a map for a specific purpose. (E.g. Pick atlas to find a place, OS map to find local village.) *Use atlases to find out about other features of places. (e.g. find wettest part of the world)	*Locate places on a world map. *Use atlases to find out about other features of places. (e.g. mountain regions, weather patterns)
Scale/Distance	*Begin to match boundaries (E.g. find same boundary of a country on different scale maps.)	*Begin to match boundaries (E.g. find same boundary of a county on different scale maps.)	*Measure straight line distance on a plan.	*Use a scale to measure distances. *Draw/use maps and plans at a range of scales.