	Geography ProgressionThis Geography progression document was adopted by Banwell Primary School from September 2022 (and updated in March 2023), to guide progression across the whole school. Since September 2023, children from Term 6 of Year 2 have started learning with the Opening Worlds scheme. Whilst there are many similarities between the two schemes in terms of progression, please see the separate Opening Worlds progression document that is now available for Key Stage 2.With the adoption of Opening Worlds, we are in the process of reviewing and updating our Key Stage 1 humanities curriculum to ensure that the best fit is made between the two key stages.										
	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6				
Enquiring	Explore and understand	Interact with immediate environment	Develop geographical questioning	Continue to ask and answer geographical	Ask and respond to questions and offer their	Begin to suggest questions appropriate for	Develop own investigations within subject				
	some important processes in the natural world around them.	Answer questions based on observation Begin to ask questions to consolidate understanding	Investigate their surroundings Make appropriate observations about why things happen	questions Use books, stories, atlases, pictures/photos and internet as sources of information	own ideas Use satellite images, aerial photographs Investigate places and themes using more	investigation Begin to use primary and secondary sources of evidence in investigations	study Use primary and secondary sources of evidence in investigations				
	Talk about changes and why some things occur.	Use simple atlases and digital maps for support	Use atlases, stories, maps, pictures/photos and internet as sources of information Make geographical comparisons between	Investigate places and themes using different scales Begin to collect and record written evidence	than one scale Begin to conduct own research with support	Investigate places with greater emphasis on scale, longitude/latitude and time zones; Collect and record evidence unaided	Investigate places with greater emphasis or larger scale, contrasting and comparing distant places				
			features of different places				Collect and record evidence unaided				
Interpreting evidence	Describe some similarities and differences between the natural world around	Collect objects and use images for evidence	Begin to interpret a range of information from atlases, globes, maps, digital maps and images	Analyse evidence and begin to draw conclusions e.g. make comparisons between two locations	Analyse evidence and draw conclusions e.g. make comparisons between differing locations	Analyse evidence and draw conclusions e.g. compare historical maps and data trends	Analyse evidence and draw conclusions e.g. from field work data on land use comparing land use/temperature				
	them and contrasting environments.		Begin to identify similarities and differences between differing locations	Interpret a range of information(with greater detail) from atlases, maps, digital maps and globes	Interpret a range of information from atlases, maps, digital maps and globes, posing questions derived from sources	Identify geographical influences on people/everyday life using information from a range of sources	Look at geographical patterns and explain reasons behind them				
Geographical vocabulary	Use vocabulary to name major features e.g. hill, river, road and processes e.g. seasons	Extend vocabulary by grouping and naming, exploring meaning and sounds of new words in geographical learning	Begin to use vocabulary specific to subject study Begin to use a wider vocabulary of everyday	Use some vocabulary specific to subject study Use vocabulary of everyday geographical	Use vocabulary of specific geographical terms and everyday language related to subject in writing and speaking	Use specific geographical terms in writing and speaking with confidence	Use geographical terms in both writing and speaking				
Geographical knowledge	Know about similarities and differences in relation to places, objects, materials and living things	Can recall key facts from the knowledge organiser for each topic quickly and with ease	geographical terms Can recall key facts from the knowledge organiser for each topic quickly and with ease	terms Can recall key facts from the knowledge organiser for each topic quickly and with ease	Can recall key facts from the knowledge organiser for each topic quickly and with ease	Can recall key facts from the knowledge organiser for each topic quickly and with ease	Can recall key facts from the knowledge organiser for each topic quickly and with ease				
Direction	Use positional language e.g. over, under	Follow directions (Up, down, left/right, forwards/backwards)	Follow directions (Up, down, left/right, forwards/backwards)	Use 4 compass points to follow/give directions	Use 4 compass points to follow/give directions	Begin to use 8 compass points Begin to relate time zones to east/west	Use 8 compass points confidently and accurately				
	Use knowledge of positional language to move Beebots	Begin to introduce 4 compass points	Independently use 4 compass points		Begin to use 8 compass points	begin to relate time zones to east, west	Begin to use 6 figure grid refs				
Map making	Through mark making,	Use like for like images on maps	Make simple maps of known locations	Know why a key is needed	Make a map of a short route experienced	Independently draw a sketch map using	Begin to draw a variety of thematic maps				
and	create basic maps and representations	Draw around objects to make a plan	Look down on objects to make a plan view	Use standard symbols	with features in correct order	symbols and a key	based on their own data				
representation		Develop own symbols on maps	Introduce conventional map symbols on maps	Begin to draw sketch maps from higher viewpoints	Make a simple scale drawing Draw sketch maps from higher viewpoints		Use 4 figure co-ordinates confidently to locate features on a map.				
			Begin to understand the need for a key using agreed symbols	Make a map of a short route experienced, with features in correct order	Confidently use letter and number co- ordinates to locate features on a map	features on a map. Begin to use latitude and longitude on atlas	Use latitude and longitude on atlas and maps				
				Make simple scale drawings		and maps	Begin to draw plans of increasing complexity				
				Use letter and number co-ordinates to locate features on a map		Begin to draw a variety of thematic maps based on their own data	Recognise and use atlas symbols				
Using and	In a known location, draw	Use simple picture maps to move around a	Follow basic routes using a map	Locate places on larger scale maps e.g. map	Locate features and landmarks on large	Compare maps with aerial photographs	Follow a short route on an OS map				
understanding	simple information from a map	location	Understand a plan view	of UK/Europe	scale maps	Select a map for a specific purpose	Describe features shown on OS map.				
maps	Understand that an aerial	Recognise that maps are specific to a location	Use simple atlases to locate countries (with	Begin to match boundaries on different maps	Follow a route on a large scale map	Begin to use atlases to find out about other	Locate places on a world map				
	map is a view from above.	Begin to recognise and use features such as plan/side views Use simple atlases and digital maps for retrieval	support) Use aerial photographs and plans to recognise landmarks	Follow a route on a map with increasing accuracy		features/data of places	Use atlases to find out about other features of places (mountain regions, weather patterns)				
Мар	Recognise a map.	Learn names of some places within/around	Locate and name major features on UK map	Begin to identify points on maps A,B and C	Begin to identify significant places and	Identify significant places and environments	Confidently identify significant places and				
knowledge	Understand the purpose of/how to use a basic map	the UK including home town and UK countries	Understand that maps can show the world (and landmarks)	(grid referencing)	environments		environments				
Types of map	Pictorial maps e.g. treasure map	Globes Picture atlases Digital mapping	Globes Adult drawn maps (location specific) Use large scale OS maps	Use large scale OS maps Begin to use junior atlases Begin to identify features on aerial/oblique	Use index and contents page within atlases Begin to use medium scale land ranger OS maps.	Use OS maps and digital mapping Confidently use support features of an atlas Begin to recognise world map as a flattened	Use OS maps and digital mapping Confidently use all features of an atlas Recognise world map as a flattened globe.				
			Use an infant atlas Digital mapping (with support)	photographs Digital mapping (with support)	Identify features on aerial/oblique photographs	globe					

Concept	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Place	Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, texts and maps. Understand there are other locations that are similar/different to their own	Learn names of some places within/around the UK including home town and UK countries Link their homes with other places in their local community Know about some present changes that are happening in the local environment	Locate and name major features on UK map Understand that maps can show the world (and landmarks) Understand geographical similarities and differences (small area in the UK and small area in a contracting non-European country)	Begin to identify points on maps A,B and C (grid referencing) Understand why there are similarities and differences between places Develop an awareness of why places relate to each other	Begin to identify significant places and environments Know about the wider context of places (region, country) Develop understanding of why there are similarities and differences between places	Identify significant places and environments Develop understanding of how and why places are connected Compare the physical and human features of a region of the UK and a region of North/South America	Confidently identify significant places and environments Compare significant biomes and climate zones
Space	Use stories, texts, pictures and maps to explain there are different countries in the world	Understand how places are linked to other places (roads and trains) Begin to locate the world's continents and oceans Begin to name and locate the four countries and capital cities of the UK	Name, locate and identify the four countries and capital cities of the UK Locate the world's continents and oceans Name, locate and identify the four countries and capital cities of the UK	Identify where countries are within the UK and their key topographical features Name and locate the significant places and features within the British Isles	Recognise the different shapes of the continents Demonstrate knowledge of features in places around them and beyond the UK Identify where countries are within Europe Recognise the impact that location and environment has on people's lives Know how the locality is set within a wider geographical context Identify and describe the significance of time zones including night and day and the position and significance of longitude and latitude	Recognise the different shapes of the countries Identify the physical characteristics and key topographical features of the countries within North/South America Know about the wider context of places Know and describe where a variety of places are in relation to physical and human features Name, locate and identify features of the world through exploring trade routes	Locate the world's countries using maps to focus on the world concentrating on biomes and climate zones
Environment	Know that seasons provide weather trends	Describe seasonal weather changes Identify daily weather patterns in the UK	Locate hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the equator and north and south poles Use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to key physical and human features	Identify physical and human features of the locality and the British Isles Describe the key features of rivers, lakes, oceans and the water cycle and how they are linked Understand the physical features of coasts and begin to understand erosion and deposition Describe and understand key aspects of human geography including types of settlement	Understand how humans affect the environment over time Know about changes to the world environments over time Describe and understand key aspects of physical geography in relation to volcanoes and earthquakes	Describe and understand key aspects of human geography including trade links and the distribution of natural resources Understand why people seek to manage and sustain their environment Know about changes to the world environments over time	Understand why people seek to manage and sustain their environment Describe and understand key aspects of human geography including climate zones and biomes