

This is the Progression of Skills for Geography detailing the skills developed in the areas of map work and enquiry-based fieldwork.

Progression of Skills	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	KS3
Positional Language	Use simple directional language (forwards, backwards, move towards) to move around a space	Use directional language (up, down, left, right, forwards, backwards) to navigate around a map	Use a mix of directional language and the four points of a compass to navigate around a map	Use the four points of a compass to navigate around a map confidently	Use the eight points of a compass to navigate around a map	Use four-figure grid references to navigate around a map	Use six-figure grid references to navigate around a map	Use six-figure grid references and scale to navigate around a map
Drawing Maps	Begin to draw places they know	Draw places they know are close to one another to form a basic map	Draw a map of a real place with some drawn features, using aerial photographs for support	Draw or make a map of a real location that includes a range of human and physical features	Draw a map based on a fieldwork sketch with symbols and a key	Draw a map with positioning of key features located accurately in relation to one another and use OS Symbols	Draw a map that shows appropriate distance between places or features based on a given scale	Build on their knowledge of globes, maps and atlases and apply and develop this knowledge in the field
Representation on Maps	Begin to recognise represented features on a map	Use own symbols on a basic map	Use class agreed symbols and begin to understand the need for a key	Use standard symbols and a key	Begin to recognise basic symbols on an OS map	Use most OS symbols on a map	Use atlas symbols	Use GIS to view, analyse and interpret places and data
Using Maps	Pick out information from a simple map	Use a simple picture map to move around the school	Follow a short route on a small-scale map	Follow a longer route on a small-scale map with increasing accuracy	Follow a route on a large-scale map	Select a type of map for a specific purpose and follow a route	Select an appropriate map at an appropriate scale and follow a route.	Interpret an Ordnance Survey map, topographical and other thematic mapping