

Geography - Subject Specific Key Concepts

Concept	Explanation
Location (substantive)	Having the locational knowledge to describe where they are - which continent or ocean? Which country? Which local street? This focuses on how we create a sense of place.
Place(substantive)	Having a 'sense of place' - simply put, what is the place like. The concept of place considers how the environmental and human characteristics of places are influenced by their location, but also how the effects of location and distance from other places on people are being reduced by improvements in transport and communication technologies. This is about understanding the big picture as well as our experiences in day-to-day life.
Human and Physical Processes (substantive)	This considers how we use the natural world and how people have the ability to change it. Physical geography looks at the natural processes of the Earth, such as climate and plate tectonics. Human geography looks at the impact and behaviour of people and how they relate to the physical world.
Geographical skills and fieldwork (disciplinary)	Fieldwork combines knowledge with skill and requires children to think about what places are like and why, where places are and why, and how they connect to other places. Good fieldwork: allows pupils to enquire about places at first-hand, requires pupils to use and practice a range of skills in a variety of contexts, builds core knowledge and a sense of place, has a strong spatial dimension and develops understanding of location, develops creative and critical thinking, builds on pupils' own questions and ideas, often has purposeful outcomes.