

Geography Overview 2024/2025

We are starting with this as we want children to have an understanding of the world before honing in on specific areas in following Geography topics. Starting with 'part of the world', e.g. Europe and dealing with maps of 'part of the world' is quite confusing to younger learners when they haven't studied the big picture.

We will bring in key learning from their summer year 3 unit on mountains when we study early in the unit how and why the source of a river is a mountainous region.

In the Autumn rivers topic there is a focus in study and field work on UK rivers – the UK, being part of Europe, links to studying Europe next.

When studying the world in Autumn, children will study how climate changes with latitude. We will recall this and introduce how it can also be influenced by altitude, thus linking to mountains.

This follows on year 5 work on biomes when working on the 'Boreal forest'.

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Year 3	The World	Where does our food come from?	Mountains and Volcanoes
Year 4	Rivers and a Water Study	Europe	Europe – with a comparison study
Year 5	North America	The U.K.	Coasts
Year 6	Rainforests	South America	A Local Geography Study Including Fieldwork

The two largest economies in Europe have a main trading partner in the USA. This is the link from Europe (year 4 Summer) to North America at the start of year 5.

In the North America unit, children study the Boreal forest. They then do a tree identification in the local area as fieldwork and make comparisons between the UK and the Boreal. This leads to the UK unit.

The focus in the Autumn is the Amazon rainforest, thus linking to South America. South America is a land of contrasts and children explore the different biomes and climates of the continent. We also explore the human geography too, looking at different standards of living and comparing them to the U.K.

