



Year 3 Geography

Locational knowledge	Place Knowledge	Human and Physical Geography	Geographical Skills and Fieldwork
L1 Know why we have capital cities	P1 Know the main differences between a rural and an urban location within the UK	H1 Know and explain clearly the difference between a major city and a town or village	F1 Use maps to locate places within the UK
L2 Know the names of other European capitals	P2 Talk about the features in their local environment and compare it with another they know	H2 Know the names and purpose of many of London's famous buildings	F2 Create a report after a fieldwork activity that focuses on geographical features observed
L3 Know why most significant cities are situated next to a river		H3 Know how a river is formed	F3 Use systematic sampling and data collecting as part of fieldwork activity
L4 Know the names and location of many famous rivers in the UK and the world		H4 Know the difference between the upper, middle and lower courses of a river	F4 Produce a freehand map of a known place e.g. moving from one place to another in London
L5 Locate some of the UK's main nuclear power plants on a map of the UK		H5 Know how waterfalls and ox bow lakes are formed	F5 Use world and UK maps to locate famous rivers
		H6 Know what erosion and deposition are in relation to rivers	F6 Use a local map to follow the course of a river close to school
		H7 Know why many cities are situated next to a river	F7 Use Google Earth to follow the course of a local or near river
		H8 Know why rivers cause flooding	F8 Make models to illustrate erosion and depositions in a river
		H9 Know about some of the human features related to the UK e.g. industry and environment	F9 Create a model of a river showing features such as meanderings
		H10 Know about the importance of power in our lives	F10 Carry out a local river survey to include field sketches
		H11 Know why it is important to source a more environmentally friendly source of energy	F11 Use a world map to locate various countries with natural energy sources



		H12 Understand why it is important to use renewable or alternative energy	
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Year 3 Topic Coverage

Autumn Why is London the capital city of the United Kingdom?	Spring How are rivers formed?	Summer How do we energise our homes and country?
L1, L2, L3, P1, P2, H1, H2, F1, F2, F3, F4	L4, H3, H4, H5, H6, H7, H8, F5, F6, F7, F8, F9, F10	L5, H9, H10, H11, H12, F11
Subject specific vocabulary		
Capital, Houses of Parliament, Buckingham Palace, Underground, River Thames	Source, mouth, estuary, meander, tributary, erosion, deposition	Solar energy, conservation, fossil fuel, renewable energy, nuclear, wind turbine
Key knowledge		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where London is located and how accessible it is • What it means to be a capital city • How important the transport system is that serves London • Which are London's and the UK's most significant buildings • Which main geographical features supported London's growth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The main features of a river • What a water cycle is and why it is so important • The features of the upper, middle and lower courses of a river • Why so many cities have been created close to a river • How to carry out a river study 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How important electricity is for homes and industry • How we generate energy in the UK • What we mean by alternative and renewable energy • What we mean by fossil fuel • Who the people are that work in the energy industry