



Ready,
Respectful,
Safe

Geography Overview – Year 1

Cathcart Street Primary School 2026-2027

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
G e o g r a p h y	Year 1: NC Objectives	Year 1: NC Objectives	Year 1: NC Objectives
	<u>Life in My City – School Grounds</u> - To use locational and directional language (for example near, far, left and right) to describe the location of features and routes on a map. - Use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of their school and its grounds. - To identify human and physical features.	<u>My Country – Local Area</u> - To use aerial photographs to recognise landmarks and basic human and physical features. - To devise a simple map. - To use simple fieldwork and observational to study the human and physical features of the local area. - To carry out a small survey of the local area.	<u>Weather Patterns – UK</u> - To name locate and identify the characteristics of the four countries of the UK, using maps, atlases and globes. - Know the main differences between city, town and village. - Identify seasonal and daily UK weather patterns. - Know and recognise the main weather symbols
	Year 1 Key Learning	Year 1 Key Learning	Year 1 Key Learning

Year 1	Locational and Place Knowledge & Fieldwork ● To observe and talk about the geography of our school. Human and Physical Geography ● To identify human and physical features in the school grounds, e.g – field, trees, houses. Geographical Skills – Map Work ● To know the purpose and function of a map to locate specific areas or to describe a route using a prepared, simple map of the school grounds. ● To understand and use the language e.g left and right, below and next to, near and far, and north, east, south, west.	Locational and Place Knowledge & Fieldwork ● To use first hand observation to investigate places – the school grounds, the streets including landmarks around and the local area. Human and Physical Geography ● To know human and physical features and identify them in our local area e.g park, shops Geographical Skills – Map Work ● To use aerial photographs to recognise landmarks of local area (Birkenhead Park, Hamilton Square, Birkenhead Docks) ● To study simple maps of the local area. ● To devise a simple map.	Locational and Place Knowledge ● To be able to name four countries and capital cities of the UK: England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales ● To identify and use the four compass points. Human and Physical Geography: Enquiry Skills & Communication ● To know and identify daily and seasonal weather patterns in the UK. ● To make observations and name a range of weather types and offer explanations referring to seasons, months and climate. ● To know how weather can affect people's lives.
Vocabulary	● Observation, field work, human and physical features	● Field work, human and physical features, aerial, locality, survey, forest, hill, soil, river, valley, town, farm, factory, house, shop	● England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales, North, East, South, West, weather, weather pattern, temperature, seasons
Enrichment	● Children use maps and Google Earth to plan and carry out a safe trip to Conway Park Station, using the compass directions and directional language.	●	● Children make their own weather station to be monitored, comparing the local weather to weather in Edinburgh.