1	Learning experiences -	Key vocabulary	Development Matters in the	Links to Year 1 Threshold Concepts
	implementation		EYFS	
Sunbeams (Nursery 2 year old Provision) 2 to 3 years old	To explore and observe the local environment and natural world around me. To use small world and block play to build places/buildings using photos as a stimulus. Sharing stories about different places e.g. Noisy Farm – Rod Campbell Encourage children's exploration, curiosity, appreciation and respect for living things by being outdoors in the different seasons. Looking at	Inside, outside, on top, under, shop, home, garden, nursery, farm, train, car, bus, road, train track, pond, forest	Explore natural materials, indoors and outside. Explore and respond to different natural phenomena in their setting and on trips	Locational Knowledge Name, locate and identify the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom, its surrounding seas and its location within the continent of Europe (This is to help children place themselves in the world from locally to nationally and then globally. (Children should know where a place is and what it is like and be able to make comparisons) Place knowledge
Sun (Preschool) 3 to 4 years old	<ul> <li>minibeasts or birds etc.</li> <li>To explore their local environments, talking about places, plants and animals that they see.</li> <li>To use small world and block play with photos of local landmarks as a stimulus.</li> <li>Sharing stories about different places and journeys e.g. Rosie's Walk.</li> <li>Using children's own experiences of visiting/living in other countries/places.</li> </ul>	Inside, outside, on top, next to, behind, under, shop, house, farm, church, school, mosque, road, pavement, flat, park, zebra crossing, bicycle, field, forest, pond, playground, trike, Dinner hall, library	Know that there are different countries in the world and talk about the differences they have experienced or seen in photos. Show interest in different occupations. Talk about what they see, using a wide vocabulary. Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all	Name and describe some characteristics of the four capital cities, with a focus on London. Compare the features to their own home location. <b>Physical Geography:</b> Recognise the features of <b>coasta</b> l locations, such as cliffs and famous coastal areas such as Dorset and the White Cliffs of Dover. Understand the concept of physical features and identify key physical features of the UK , including: beaches, cliffs , coasts cliffs, beaches forests, hills, lakes and mountains , sea, river, valley. Identify and describe the best known physical features

Reception	Visits to the local environment such as	Inside, outside, on	Early Learning Goal	Giant's Causeway, Snowdownia, Lake
4 - 5 years old	Forest, Silver Street Nature Reserve,	top, next to, behind,	People Culture and	District, River Thames (not definitive)
ELG	High Street, Railway Museum, River	under, around, near	Communities ELG	
	Somer, Shop, Library, Pond, Farm and	to, shop, house, farm,	Children at the expected level	(Children should understand that physical
	Local allotment.	church, school,	of development will:	geography focuses on natures and the
		mosque, road,		environment and with it natural hazards
	Drawing Simple maps.	pavement, flat, park,	Describe their immediate	and their effects.)
	Posting Letters.	zebra crossing,	environment using knowledge	(Children will examine how land if formed
		bicycle, field , forest,	from observation, discussion,	and how it changes over time and how the
	Forest School learning about the	pond, playground,	stories, non-fiction texts and	climate affects the land and vice versa)
	Seasons throughout the year.	trike, Dinner hall,	maps;	
		library, river,		<u>Human Geography</u>
	Pretending to travel or go on holiday	allotment, museum,	Know some similarities and	
	(journey) to different countries/cities	Nature Reserve,	differences between different	Know what human feature is and relate
	such as London, of the world.	Synagogue, map, left,	religious and cultural	this to features of their own location and the UK's capital cities. Use terms city, town,
		right,	communities in this country,	village, factory, farm, house, flat, and shop.
	Learning about looking after our		drawing on their experiences	Describe famous landmarks for each
	Planet - Earth Day and during our		and what has been read in	country on the UK (Buckingham Palace,
	Journeys topic - how we can recycle		class;	Stonehenge, Edinburgh Castle, Welsh
	and keep our beaches, local			Assembly, City Hall Belfast- not definitive)
	environment clean.		Explain some similarities and	and their locations and use the term
			differences between life in this	landmark accurately. Pupils need to know
			country and life in other	the meaning of urban and rural locations
			countries, drawing on	and be able to identify these in
			knowledge from stories, non-	photographs and on simple maps.
			fiction texts and – when	Weather conditions affect how humans
			appropriate – maps.	dress and in some cases the building of
		15	15. The Natural World ELG	their homes, such as on the Island of Coll.
				Some jobs are affected by the weather,
			Children at the expected level	such as farming, selling ice creams etc.
			Children at the expected level	
			of development will:	Pupils need to understand symbols on
				weather maps and to locate their home

		Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants; Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class; Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter.	town and the Island of Coll on a map of the UK. They use this information to complete a weather diary for both locations and compare the two. They make a simple rain gauge and measure the amount of rainfall over a week, plotting their results on a chart. (Children should understand that human geography focuses on where people live, what they do and how they use the land. Children might study rural and urban places and consider the differences to people's lives and they might study cultures, customs, religion etc.) <b>Climate</b> (Children should know that weather is a specific event—like a rainstorm or hot day—that happens over a few hours, days or weeks. Climate is the average weather conditions in a place over 30 years or more. NASA has observed that Earth's climate is getting warmer— This is climate change)
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