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Autumn		What is it like here?	Would you prefer to live in a hot or cold place?	Why do people live near volcanoes?	Why are rainforests important to us?	What is life like in the Alps?	Why does population change?
	Week 1	Where in the world are we? To locate the school on an aerial image.	Where are the continents? To name and locate the seven continents.	How is the Earth constructed? To name and describe the layers of the Earth.	Where in the world are tropical rainforests? To describe and give examples of a biome and find the location and some features of the Amazon rainforest.	Where are the Alps? To locate the Apls on a map.	How is the global polulation changing? To understand the change and distribution of the global population.
	Week 2	What can we see in our classroom? To create a map of the classroom.	Where are the coldest places on Earth? To locate the North and South Poles.	Where are mountains found? To explain how and where mountains are formed.	What is the Amazon rainforest like? To describe the characteristics of each layer of a tropical rainforest.	What is it like in the Alps? To locate the key physical and human characteristics of the Alps.	What are birth and death rates? To define birth and death rates and describe why they change.
	Week 3	What can we find in our school grounds? To locate key features on the playground.	Where is the equator? To locate the equator on the world map.	Why and where do we get volcanoes? To explain why volcanoes happen and where they occur.	Who lives in the rainforest? To understand the lives of indigenous peoples living in the Amazon rainforest.	Why do people visit the Alps? To describe the physical and human features of an Alpine region.	Why do people migrate? To recognise the push and pull factors influencing migration.
	Week 4	Where are the different places in our school? To draw a simple map.	What is life like in a hot place? To compare the UK and Kenya.	What are the effects of a volcanic eruption? To recognise the negative and positive effects of living near a volcano.	How are rainforests changing? To describe why tropical rainforests are important and understand the threats to the Amazon.	What is there to do in our local area? To investigate what there is to do in the local area using data collection.	How is climate change impacting the population? To begin to understand the impact climate change can have on the global population.
	Week 5	How do we feel about our playground? To investigate how we feel about our playground.	Do we live in a hot or cold place? To investigate local weather conditions.	What are eathquakes and where do we get them? To explain what earthquakes are and why they occur.	How is our local woodland used?: Data collection To understand how local woodland is used using a variety of data collection methods.	How are the Alps different from our local area? To understand similarities and differences between the local area and Alpine area.	How is pollution impacting our environment?: Date collection To collect data showing how population impacts the amount of traffic and litter in the area.
	Week 6	Can we make our playground even better? To create a design to improve our playground.	Would you prefer to live in a hot or cold place? To identify key features of hot and cold places.	Where have the rocks around school come from? To observe and record the location of rocks around the school grounds and discuss findings.	How is our local woodland used?: Findings To analyse and present findings on how the local woodland is used.	What is life like in the Alps? To understand the human and physical geography of the Alps.	How is pollution impacting our environment?: Findings To write a report on the fieldwork process, analyse findings and make suggestions to improve a situation.
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		What is weather like in the UK?	Why is our world wonderful?	Who lives in Antarctica?	Where does our food come from?	Why do oceans matter?	Where does our energy come from?
Spring	Week 1	Where is the UK? To locate the four countries of the UK.	What are some of the UK's amazing features and landmarks? To identify geographical characteristics of the UK.	What is a climate? To understand the position and significance of lines of latitude.	How can our food choices impact the environment? To explain the impact of food choices on the environment.	How do we use our oceans? To explain the importance of our oceans.	Why is energy important? To know why energy sources are important.
	Week 2	What are the four seasons? To identify seasonal changes in the UK.	Where are some of the world's most amazing places? To locate some of the world's most amazing places.	Where is Antarctica? To describe the location and physical features of Antarctica.	What does it mean to trade responsibly? To understand the importance of trading responsibly	What is the Great Barrier Reef? To locate and describe the significance of the Great Barrier Reef.	What is renewable energy? To understand the benefits and drawbacks of different energy sources.
	Week 3	What are the compass directions? To identify the four compass directions.	Where are our oceans? To know the names of the five oceans and locate them on a map.	Who lives in Antarctica? To describe the human features of Antarctica.	How do we get our chocolate? To describe the journey of a cocoa bean.	Why are our oceans suffering? To explain the impact humans have on coral reefs and oceans.	How does the United States generate energy? To understand how energy is generated in the United States.
	Week 4	What is the weather like today? To investigate daily weather patterns.	What is amazing about our local area? To understand how to draw physical and human features on a sketch map.	Who was Shackleton? To use four-figure grid references to plot Shakleton's route to Antarctica.	Where does our food come from? To map and calculate the distance food has travelled.	What can we do to help our oceans? To understand ways to keep our oceans healthy and begin planning a fieldwork enquiry.	How does the United kingdom generate energy? To know how energy sources and distributed in an area.
	Week 5	Is the weather the same everywhere in the UK? To identify daily weather patterns in the UK.	Why are natural habitats special? To investigate local habitats and record findings.	Can we plan an expedition around school? To plan a simple route on a map using compass points.	Are our school dinners locally sourced? To design and use data collection methods to find where our food comes from.	How littered is our marine environment? – Data colletion To collect data on the types of litter polluting a marine environment.	What is the best way to generate energy? To explain reasons for choosing an energy source.



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	Week 6	How do people prepare for the weather? To understand how the weather changes with each season.	How can we look after natural habitats? To understand how to present findings in a bar chart.	How did our expedition go? To follow instructions involving compass points and map a simple route.	Is it better to buy local or imported food? To discuss the advantages and disadvantages of of both locally and imported food.	How littered is our marine environment? – Findings To present, analyse and evaluate data collected.	Where is the best place for a solar panel on the school grounds? To collect and present data on where to position a solar panel on the school grounds.
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Summer		What is it like to live in Shanghai?	What is it like to live by the coast?	Are all settlements the same?	What are rivers and how are they used?	Would you like to live in the desert?	Can I carry out an independent fieldwork enquiry?
	Week 1	What can we see in our local area? To recognise physical and human features.	Where are the seas and oceans surrounding the UK? To locate the seas and oceans surrounding the UK.	What is a settlement? To describe different types of settlements.	What is the water cycle? To describe how the water cycle works.	What is a hot desert biome? To summarise the characteristics of a desert biome.	Developing an enquiry question. To develop an enquiry questions.
	Week 2	Can we map our local area? To draw a sketch map.	What is the coast? To explain what the coast is.	How is land used in my local area? To identify the human and physical features in the local area.	How is a river formed? To recognise the features and courses of a river.	Where are deserts located? To locate and explore features of deserts.	Creating data collection methods. To determine the most effective data collection methods for fieldwork.
	Week 3	Where in the world is China? To name and locate some continents on a world map.	What are the features of the Jurassic Coast? To identify the physical features of the coast.	Can I explain the location of features in my local area? To discuss why physical and human features are in particular locations.	Where can we find rivers? To name and locate some of the world's longest rivers.	What physical features are found in a desert? To describe the physical features of a desert environment.	Mapping a route. To plan a route for a fieldwork trip.
	Week 4	What can you see in China? To identify physical and human features in a non-European country.	How do people use Weymouth? To identify human features on the coast.	How has my local area changed over time? To describe how land use in the local area has changed.	How are rivers used? To describe how rivers are used.	How can people use deserts? To explain the different ways humans can use deserts.	Collecting the data. To collect the data to answer the enquiry question.
	Week 5	What is Shanghai like? To describe what it is like in Shanghai.	How do people use our local coast? (Data collection) To investigate how people use the local coast.	How is land used in new Delhi? To identify land use in New Delhi.	What can we find out about our local river? To identify and locate human and physical features on a map.	What are the threats to deserts? To describe some of the threats facing deserts.	Analysing the data. To determine an answer to the enquiry question.
	Week 6	How is Shanghai different to our local area? To compare Shanghai to a small area of the UK.	How do people use our local coast? (Findings) To present findings on how people use the local coast.	How does land use in New Delhi compare with my local area? To compare land use in two different locations.	What features does our local river have? To collect data on the features of a local river.	Would you like to live in the desert? To explore the similarities and differences between two physical environment.	Presenting the data. To present my findings.