

## Geography in EYFS

The EYFS framework is structured differently to the national curriculum as it is organised into seven areas of learning rather than subject areas: Communication and Language; Personal, Social and Emotional Development; Physical Development; Literacy; Mathematics; Understanding the World; Expressive arts and Design.

Geography is a vital part of learning in the EYFS framework. This document demonstrates which statements from the 2020 Development Matters match the National Curriculum programme of study for Geography. The most relevant statements have been taken from the Early Learning Goals in the EYFS statutory framework (the ELG's are the expectations for children's learning and development for the end of the EYFS) and the Development Matters age ranges for Three and Four-Year-Olds (for our Nursery children) and Reception.

The most relevant statements for geography are taken from the following areas of learning:

- Mathematics
- Understanding the World

Geography			
Three and Four-Year-Olds	Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand position through words alone. For example, "The bag is under the table," – with no pointing.</li> <li>• Describe a familiar route.</li> <li>• Discuss routes and locations, using words like 'in front of' and 'behind'.</li> </ul>	
	Understanding the World	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use all their senses in hands-on exploration of natural materials.</li> <li>• Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things.</li> <li>• Know that there are different countries in the world and talk about the differences they have experienced or seen in photos.</li> </ul>	
Reception	Understanding the World	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draw information from a simple map.</li> <li>• Recognise some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries.</li> <li>• Explore the natural world around them.</li> <li>• Recognise some environments that are different to the one in which they live.</li> </ul>	
ELG	Understanding the World	People, Culture and Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, non-fiction texts and maps.</li> <li>• Explain some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries, drawing on knowledge from stories, non-fiction texts and (when appropriate) maps.</li> </ul>
		The Natural World	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons.</li> </ul>

