



Year 3 Geography Themes and Substantive Knowledge

Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
London	Europe	Rivers
Why is London the capital city of the United Kingdom?	Why do so many British people go to the Mediterranean for their holidays?	How are rivers formed?
National Curriculum Requirement	National Curriculum Requirement	National Curriculum Requirement
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop contextual knowledge of the location of globally significant places – both terrestrial and marine – including their defining physical and human characteristics and how these provide a geographical context for understanding the actions of processes. Understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on Europe (including the location of Russia) and North and South America, concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries, and major cities 	Locational Knowledge: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> name and locate key topographical features (including hills, mountains, coasts and rivers), and land-use patterns; and understand how some of these aspects have changed over time Human and Physical Geography know about climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts, rivers, mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes, and the water cycle Know about types of settlement and land use, economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water
Subject Specific Vocabulary	Subject Specific Vocabulary	Subject Specific Vocabulary
Capital, Houses of Parliament, Buckingham Palace underground, River Thames	Holiday, destination, lifestyle, language, Italy, Greece, Italy, Spain, Malta, Turkey, France	source, mouth, estuary, meander, tributary, erosion, deposition

Substantive Knowledge	Substantive Knowledge	Substantive Knowledge
<p>I will know ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where London is located and how accessible is it 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 significant buildings • Which main geographical features supported London's growth 	<p>I will know ..</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exactly where the Mediterranean is Which countries border the Mediterranean Sea and know about them? • How the human and physical features of the UK differ from those of the Mediterranean countries • How to compare and contrast a holiday resort on the Mediterranean with that of one in the UK • What Brexit is and why is it important to know about it 	<p>I will know ...</p> <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