






Singleton Church of England Primary School

Progression of knowledge

Geography - Y4



	Year 4 – Unit 1 The Americas 	Year 4 – Unit 2 Rivers and the Water Cycle 	Year 4 – Unit 3 Earthquakes and Volcanoes 
SUBSTANTIVE CONCEPTS Substantive concepts are concepts that children will come across repeatedly throughout their education in Geography	The Local Area The UK The World Place Knowledge Weather and Climate Other Physical Features Settlements and Land Use Economics, Trade and resources	The Local Area The UK The World Place Knowledge Weather and Climate Other Physical Features Settlements and Land Use Economics, Trade and resources	The Local Area The UK The World Place Knowledge Weather and Climate Other Physical Features Settlements and Land Use Economics, Trade and resources
KEY VOCABULARY	Continent, country, state, city, equator, hemisphere	River, evaporation, condensation, flow, rainfall	Crust, Earth, core, mantle, tectonic plate, crater, eruption, earthquake
GEOGRAPHICAL SKILLS	Mapping, fieldwork, enquiry and investigation, communication, use of ICT/technology	Mapping, fieldwork, enquiry and investigation, communication, use of ICT/technology	Mapping, fieldwork, enquiry and investigation, communication, use of ICT/technology
SUBSTANTIVE KNOWLEDGE Substantive knowledge refers to the residual knowledge that children should take away from the unit after it has been taught. It consists of the core facts and historical knowledge of the period, such as historical narrative, significant events or people, period features, chronology and substantive concepts. In this progression map, you will find a concise summary of the substantive knowledge for each unit.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knows and has a better understanding of their locational and place knowledge Knows about north and South America, concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries, states and (some) major cities Knows some geographical similarities and differences through looking at regions in north and South America Knows to associate weather/climate with landscape and environment Knows how to maps, atlases, globes and digital/ computer mapping Learn to use the eight points of a compass. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knows and can name and locate some of the UK's and the world's most significant rivers and mountain environments Knows the features of a named river (the River Thames) in the UK, from source to mouth Knows how rivers and mountains are formed Knows some of the processes associated with rivers Knows where rivers and mountains fit into the water cycle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knows and can describe and understand the key aspects of volcanoes and earthquakes Knows that the distribution of earthquakes and volcanoes follows a pattern Be introduced to plate tectonics. Knows about the 'pacific ring of fire'.
MAKING CONNECTIONS Key knowledge	Year 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Name and locate major volcanoes, major settlements and rural regions of the world, employing the use of the eight points of a compass, maps, symbols and keys. Year 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Name, locate and describe some of the world's major rivers, employing the use of the eight points of a compass, maps, symbols and keys. 	Year 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Locate and describe human and physical features of the UK (e.g. coasts, rivers, mountain ranges, counties and cities), using locational/ directional language, 8 points of a compass, six figure grid references, maps, symbols and keys 	Year 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Name and locate major volcanoes, major settlements and rural regions of the world, employing the use of the eight points of a compass, maps, symbols and keys. Year 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Name, locate and describe some of the world's major rivers, employing the use of the eight points of a compass, maps, symbols and keys.

