



Progression and Expectations in Geographical Vocabulary.

- Children should be using the correct geographical vocabulary from previous year groups as well as learning and using the correct vocabulary for their current year group.
- These words should be spelt correctly.
- It is important that children understand the terms and can explain and define what they mean. This could be linked to your reading (and English) objectives and lessons; and your science where applicable.
- Theme specific vocabulary should be added to these lists.

Year 3		
settlement	valley	mountain
community	vegetation	weathering
landscape	soil	erosion [within weathering]
relief map	peat	port
political map	loam	harbour
cliff	clay	factory
ocean	lake	office
fieldwork	transport [carry]	industry
sketch	diagram	compass
North East	South East	North West
South West	weather	climate zone
polar	equator	tropical
longitude	latitude	environment

Year 4		
greenhouse	valley	warm
polytunnel	contour	humid
intensive farming	height	coastal
arable farming	hydroponics	evaporation
market gardening	allotment	precipitation
mixed farming	distribution	condensation
organic farming	import	hemisphere
distance	export	productivity
scale	native/ indigenous	natural resources
grid reference	sustainable	man-made materials
satellite	weathering/erosion	hemisphere



settlement patterns	natural disaster	tropical
inland	ox-bow lake	polar
urban/ rural	spring [water]	trade

Year 5		
climate/ weather	flood plain	deposition
climate zones	meander	transportation
tributary	surface	confluence
vegetation belts	sea level	mouth
river	grid reference	source
delta	terrain	products
ox-bow lake	features	industrial
grid reference	contour lines	continent
landscape	natural	sub-continent
water cycle	population	development
arid	precipitation	irrigation
evaporation	condensation	ground water
settlement	industry	tourist
excursion	scale [maps]	contours

Year 6		
migrate	naturalised	Arctic
disperse	indigenous	Antarctic
sustainability	immigrant	renewable
natural disaster	survey	population
natural resources	questionnaire	biomes
canopy [trees]	latitude	vegetation belts
Ordnance Survey	longitude	climate zones
distance	Greenwich/Prime Meridian	conservation
scale	Time zone	pollution
grid reference	Northern hemisphere	export
symbols	Southern hemisphere	import
urban	Tropic of Capricorn	tropical
rural	Tropic of Cancer	equatorial



land use	Equator	subterranean
congestion	latitude	location
pollution	longitude	minutes[location]
tectonic plates	deforestation	magma