

Curriculum Big Questions for GEOGRAPHY



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Our 'Big Questions' allow teachers to frame narratives and focus the learning within the unit of work. These overarching questions have multidimensional answers that require a breadth of knowledge to answer comprehensively. Asking and subsequently answering these bite-sized questions allows children to feel a sense of progression as they chip away at the larger, overarching question.

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Term 2 Geography focus	Understanding the World Celebrate	United Kingdom Cheltenham	Continents and Oceans	Rivers: UK	Mountains: UK	Forests: UK	A Local Study: Gloucester
Big Question	How do I celebrate?	Where do I live?	How is each continent different?	Which rivers run through our local area and how did they get there?	What hills are local to Cheltenham?	What are the physical & human features of the Forest of Dean?	How have human features impacted Gloucester?
Term 4 Geography focus	Understanding the World Space	United Kingdom: England	Weather Patterns	Rivers: Wales Germany	Mountains: Northern Ireland France	Forests: England Scandinavia	Volcanoes/ Mountains Iceland & Italy
Big Question	Which planet am I from?	What is special about England?	How does the weather affect our lives?	How is the River Wye different from the River Rhine?	Why are mountains so important?	How do forests in England compare to those in Scandinavia?	How have volcanoes impacted different countries?
Term 6 Geography focus	Understanding the World Under the Sea	United Kingdom: Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland	A Local Study: Cheltenham	Rivers: Around the World Africa	Mountains: Around the World North America	Forests: Around the World South America	Earthquakes: Around the World Asia
Big Question	Where can you hear the whales sing?	What countries make up the United Kingdom?	How is Cheltenham different from Alice Springs in Australia?	How is the UK different from Africa?	How is the UK different from North America?	How is the UK different from South America?	What makes Japan unique when compare to the UK?