Geography Topic Overview

Year Group	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Y1	Childhood: Houses and Toys Where do we live and go to school? What is a journey? What does my journey to school look like? What are the different houses I can see where I live?	London Where is London and what does it look like? Where is London? What landmarks might I see in London? How do people move around London? Can I find my way around London? What are the human and physical features that I might see in London? What are the human and physical features that I might see in London? What is the weather like in London? How is London different to other cities in the world?	Childhood: School Where do we live and go to school? What does our classroom look like from above? How can we create a map of our classroom? What does our school look like from above? Can I create a map for my friend to follow?
Y2	Great Fire of London How do we know about the Great Fire of London? Where do I live in the World? What are the Countries that make up the UK? Which seas surround the UK? What happened during The Great Fire of London? Can I show it on a map?	Explorers (Significant People) What is an explorer and why are they significant? Can you name the continents and oceans of the world? What did Captain Cook see when he arrived in Australia and what does it look like now?	Coasts Why do people go on holiday to the Seaside and what might you find there? What geographical features will I see at the Seaside? What is a seaside town like?
Y3	Stone Age to Iron Age Who first lived in Britain and how did it change? What did early settlements look like and where were they built? What can I remember about the world and the surrounding seas? What are the layers of the Earth? What information can we learn from Atlases and Globes? What are the world's five climatic zones?	Earthquakes and Volcanoes What makes the Earth angry? How are volcanoes formed? Where in the world can we find active volcanoes? What happens when a volcano erupts? Why do people live near volcanoes? What causes an earthquake? What happens when an earthquake occurs on land? What happens when an earthquake occurs at sea? What is it like to live in an earthquake zone? Where have famous earthquakes/volcanoes occurred and what happened?	Ancient Civilisations: Egypt What was special about the Ancient Egyptians? Where in the world is Egypt? Why might people want to visit Egypt today? Why is the Nile important?

Y4	<u>Romans</u>	Rivers and Mountains	Anglo Saxons and Vikings
	Why did the Romans come to Britain and what did they leave behind? Where did the Romans come from? How and Why did the Roman Empire grow?	Why are Rivers important? What is the water cycle and how does it work? Where are the world's biggest rivers? What are the main features of river? What is the name of our closest river? Why are rivers important? What are the dangers of rivers? What are mountains and how are they formed? Where are the world's mountain ranges located? What is it like to live in the mountains? Who has been brave enough to climb the highest mountains in the world?	Who was involved in the struggle for the Kingdom of England? Who were the Anglo Saxons and where did they come from? Why did the Anglo Saxons settle in Britain and where did they choose to live? Where did the Vikings first invade?
Y5	Ancient Greece/How Green is Middlesbrough? What did the Ancient Greeks do for us? Where in the world is Greece? What is it like to live in Middlesbrough? How can we help make Middlesbrough better? What does it mean to be green? What should be done with Albert Park?	Food and Farming Where does our food come from? What is farming like in the UK? Where does our food come from? How do we buy food from other countries? How far has our food travelled and why is this important? What is Fair Trade? What is farmed in North and South America?	Middlesbrough and the Industrial Revolution What was the Industrial Revolution and how did it change Middlesbrough? Who were the first settlers in Middlesbrough? How and why did Middlesbrough grow so quickly? How do you think Middlesbrough might change in the future?
Y6	WW1/WW2 Why do we remember the First and Second World War? Who was involved in WW1 and which side did they take? Which countries were involved in WW2? Why was Middlesbrough a target during WW2?	Frozen Landscapes Can anything survive in the coldest places on Earth? What is a polar climate? How are the polar oceans different to other oceans on earth? What natural resources are found in the Arctic? Who lives in the Arctic? Why do people want to visit Antarctica? How is climate change affecting the polar regions?	Ancient Civilisations: Ancient Maya Who were the Maya, why were they important and why did they disappear? Where did the Ancient Maya live? What was it like to live in Meso America? Who are the Modern Maya?