

Geography in Early Years

The EYFS framework is structured very differently to the National Curriculum as it is organised across seven areas of learning, both **Prime** and **Specific** rather than subject areas. Skills taught across EYFS feed directly into Geography as a subject and prepare children for KS1.

Under the new EYFS Development Matters and the new Early Years framework there are key areas of learning that will provide Reception children with prerequisite skills for Geography within the National Curriculum in KS1. The **specific** area of learning is:

- Understanding the world

<u>Curriculum area:</u> <u>Development Matters:</u> Understanding the world		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draw information from a simple map. • Recognise some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries. • Explore the natural world around them. • Recognise some environments that are different to the one in which they live.
<u>Early Learning Goal:</u> (ELG) Understanding the world	People, Culture and Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, non-fiction texts and maps. • Explain some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries, drawing on knowledge from stories, non-fiction texts and (when appropriate) maps.
	The Natural World	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class. • Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons.