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Geographical Vocabulary Overview

For children to be able to understand geographical concepts such as place, space, scale, environment, interconnections, physical and human processes, and use them to make connections, draw contrasts, analyse trends, frame geographical-valid questions and create their own structured responses, they must have a secure grasp of key geographical vocabulary.

Please find below a list of key Tier 3 words that children require to be able to fully access the geography curriculum at Ellison Primary Academy.

	Years 1 and 2	Years 3 and 4 (and as Year 1 and 2)	Years 5 and 6 (and Year 1, 2, 3 and 4)
Geographical vocabulary	Continent, Africa, Antarctica, Asia, Australia, Europe, North America and South America, ocean, Pacific Ocean, Atlantic Ocean, Indian Ocean, Southern Ocean, Antarctic Ocean, geographical, physical features, beach, cliff, coast, forest, hill, mountain, sea, ocean, river, soil, valley, vegetation, season, weather, human features, city, town, village, factory, farm, house, office, port, harbour, shop, maps, atlases, globes, similar, aerial views, features,	Patterns, places, fieldwork, Europe, Russia, environmental, regions characteristics, major cities, sketch maps, plans, graphs, topographical features, land-use, change, position, significance, Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, Tropics of Cancer, Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic Circle, Prime/Greenwich Meridian, time zones, climate zones, rivers, mountains, volcanoes, earthquakes, water cycle,	North and South America, Analyse, statistics, conclusions, locations sampling, random, systematic, observe, measure, record interrelated, latitude, longitude, land-use patterns, economic activity, trade links, distribution of natural resources, energy, food, minerals, water supplies, biomes, vegetation belts reasons, change, describe, geographical diversity, conclusion, symbols, climate zones, population densities, height of land observe, collect, interdependent,

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	location, different, compass points, north, south, east, west, near, far, routes, location, grid references.	human geography, settlement, land use, economic activity, trade links, distribution, natural resources, energy, food, minerals, water, eight point compass, northeast, northwest, southeast, southwest, grid references, symbols, key, ordnance survey map, UK counties (relevant to focus area)	interconnected, current, contemporary, issues, society, environment, four-figure grid references, ordnance survey map, densities, height, interconnected, interdependent, topological maps, random and systematic sampling.