

Year 2 Overview rationale

As children begin Year 2, they will revisit some learning from Year 1 and consolidate their knowledge on the continents and oceans of the world and facts about the UK. They will also begin to identify human and physical features around their school area. They will discover the use of compasses and be able to use simple compass directions: North, East, South and West. They will also look at maps and symbols and learn how a key is used. They will devise a simple map (classroom etc) using symbols and a key.

In the Spring term, pupils will compare hot and cold areas of the world. They will revisit human and physical features- but this time it will be of a small area in a non-European country. They will carry out research of this area and then draw comparisons between Blackburn and the non-European location.

During the Summer term, pupils will explore daily and seasonal weather patterns in Blackburn. They will further explore human and physical features of their school area, building on the initial learning in the Autumn term. They will use maps again, this time to locate symbols/features around their school area. They will finally draw upon the learning from the Autumn term and build upon it by devising a simple map of their school area, adding symbols to represent features/points of interest and a key.