**Geography Medium Term Planning – Spring 2024/25**

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| **Term:** Spring 1 | **Year:** 3 and 4 | **Theme: Local Area** |

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| **National Curriculum** | **Wk** | **Skills taught** | **Knowledge** | **Activity Outline** | **Key vocab** |
| Pupils should extend their knowledge and understanding beyond the local area to include the United Kingdom and Europe, North and South America. This will include the location and characteristics of a range of the world’s most significant human and physical features. They should develop their use of geographical knowledge, understanding and skills to enhance their locational and place knowledge. Pupils should be taught to: **Locational knowledge**  ♣ locate the world’s countries, using maps to focus on Europe (including the location of Russia) and North and South America, concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries, and major cities  ♣ name and locate counties and cities of the United Kingdom, geographical regions and their identifying human and physical characteristics, key topographical features (including hills, mountains, coasts and rivers), and land-use patterns; and understand how some of these aspects have changed over time  ♣ identify the position and significance of latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic Circle, the Prime/Greenwich Meridian and time zones (including day and night)  **Place knowledge**  ♣ understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom, a region in a European country, and a region within North or South America  **Human and physical geography**  ♣ describe and understand key aspects of:  ♣ physical geography, including: climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts, rivers, mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes, and the water cycle  ♣ human geography, including: types of settlement and land use, economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water  **Geographical skills and fieldwork**  ♣ use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied  ♣ use the eight points of a compass, four and six-figure grid references, symbols and key (including the use of Ordnance Survey maps) to build their knowledge of the United Kingdom and the wider world  ♣ use fieldwork to observe, measure, record and present the human and physical features in the local area using a range of methods, including sketch maps, plans and graphs, and digital technologies. | **1** | human geography, including: types of settlement and land use, economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water |  | TBQ: What Makes Bloxwich Unique?  Introduce the concept of a ‘local area.’ Show pictures and maps of Bloxwich. Class discussion about landmarks (e.g., All Saints Church, Bloxwich Park). Students create a fact file about a chosen landmark. | Landmark  Local  Unique  Community |
| 2 | use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied |  | TBQ: How do I read and create maps of Bloxwich?  Teach map skills: symbols, keys, compass directions.  Look at a map of Bloxwich and locate key features.  Students create their own simple map of a part of Bloxwich. | Map  Compass  Symbol  Key |
| 3 | human geography, including: types of settlement and land use, economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water |  | TBQ: How do people travel in and around Bloxwich?  Discuss different transport methods in the local area.  Look at roads, railways, and footpaths on a map.  Students survey their preferred transport methods and create a bar chart. | Transport  Railway  Survey  Route |
| 4 | human geography, including: types of settlement and land use, economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water |  | TBQ: How has Bloxwich changed and developed over the years?  Compare old and modern photos of Bloxwich.  Discuss reasons for change (e.g., population growth, new buildings).  Students write a short piece imagining life in Bloxwich 100 years ago. | Past  Change  Development  History |
| 5 | human geography, including: types of settlement and land use, economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water |  | TBQ: How can we help improve and protect our local area?  Discuss local environmental issues (e.g., litter, green spaces).  Brainstorm ideas for community improvement projects.  Students design a poster encouraging positive action in Bloxwich. | Environment  Responsibility  Community  Improvement |
| 6 |  |  | Assessment lesson |  |