# Year 1: Autumn 1 – My School and Me

## Enquiry question: Why is my school and local community special?

Develop knowledge of their locality.
Understand basic subject-specific vocabulary
relating to human and physical geography
Use aerial maps and plan perspectives to recognise
basic human and physical features
Devise a simple map using basic symbols
Communicate geographical information in a variety
of ways.

**National Curriculum Objectives** 

#### **Prior Learning**

Children's understanding of home, family and where they live developed as part of their reception topics.

### What is a community?

• Sense of place and identity - their home, their road, where they play, their neighbours, their local shop etc.

**Core Knowledge & Key Questions** 

### What places can I see near where I live?

- Concept of near and far (spatial sense)
- Identify and name physical and human features, e.g. on journey to school

#### What do I like about my school?

- Begin to understand plan perspectives
- Simple fieldwork and observational skills, including directional and positional language

#### What can we see on maps and aerial views of our area?

- Begin to understand what an aerial view is
- Key physical and human features house, school, building, shop, road, street, railway, field, wood, park, church (landmarks)
- Digital mapping

### Where is my local green space and how do I get there?

- Maps (incl digital), route and directions, devising maps, using symbols
- Fieldwork skills record data about local area.

## How can I record what I have found out about my local community?

- Different ways to communicate data collected
- Geographical vocabulary describing key features
- Beginning understanding of settlement and land-use (wider themes)

#### Specific geographical areas studied

Local community - Farncombe

#### Linked Texts

Traditional Tales - The 3 little Pigs, Little Red Riding Hood, The Gingerbread Man Me on the Map by Joan Sweeney

#### **Future Learning**

- **Yr 1:** Our Island Home topic extending fieldwork and map reading skills to wider area of UK
- **Yr 2:** local geography further developing spatial sense and fieldwork skills, use of maps/plans and aerial photography in "Who do you think you are" topic.

Locational knowledge	Place knowledge	Physical geography	Human geography	Physical and human processes	BIG Question: Outcome &
					Assessment Opportunity
What is near where I live?	What is a community?	What physical features can	What human features can		How can we record what is
- understanding of near and	Where is my local green	we see on maps and aerial	we see on maps and aerial		special about our school and
far	space?	views of our area? Where is	views of our area? What		local community?
	- look at features of local	my local green space?	features does my school		Create class map of
	area.	(beginning understand what	have and which are my		community placing
		a physical feature is)	favourite?		themselves on it showing
			(beginning understand what		something that is important
			a human feature is)		about where they live or
					what they do.

Fieldwork Opportunities	Key vocabulary	Key Geographical Skills
Basic orientation around the school grounds  Survey of features of our local area - e.g. bus-stops, shops, types of houses  Find route to local park from the school  Sustainability and environmental concerns  Begin to look at how we can look after our community - e.g. keeping it clean.	<ul> <li>geography</li> <li>place, community, neighbour/ neighbourhood</li> <li>identity</li> <li>direction, position, near, far</li> <li>human features: town, village, school, farm, house, shop, train station, railway line, road, street, park</li> <li>physical features: field, woods, river</li> <li>map, plan</li> <li>aerial view, birds-eye view</li> <li>landmarks</li> <li>transport, journey</li> <li>landscape</li> <li>environment</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>I can use basic geographical vocabulary to identify key features</li> <li>I can tell others what I like or dislike about a place and use basic geographical vocabulary to explain why I think this.</li> <li>I can observe and record simple information about the local area, e.g. how many shops there are, where the park or the bus stops near the school are.</li> <li>I can use aerial photographs to identify key features in my local area, e.g. the school, a row of shops, or a park.</li> <li>I can look at a simple map of my local area and identify places I know and have seen.</li> <li>I can make a simple map of a real or imaginary place, adding basic symbols to show information.</li> <li>I can use a map to talk about everyday life e.g. where I live, or my journey to school.</li> <li>I can make a suggestion to how a locality can be</li> </ul>
		improved.