



The Belfry CEVA Primary School – Long-Term Geography Plan (KS1 and KS2)



Planning Structure

As we have mixed-age classes at The Belfry, we operate a rolling program of units/topics in foundation subjects to ensure that all children cover all areas, regardless of their path through the school. The nature of the rolling programme depends on pupil numbers and class structures. At present, it is as follows:

Holly class (EYFS) – following the EYFS framework and 'understanding the world' every year. See EYFS planning for more detail. Year 1 children in Holly class will cover the same content as their counterparts in Larch class (below).

Larch class (Key Stage 1 - yr 1 and 2) – a two-year rolling programme, following a simple AB format. For Larch class, year A was 2024/25, year B is 2025/26 and 2026/27 will be year A again.

Willow and Ash classes (years 3 to 5) – a three-year rolling programme, with the units/topics adapted to suit the age and stage of the learners in each class. Expectations will be higher of children in year 5 than in year 3, with topics looked at in greater detail and depth. In these classes, year A was 2024/25, year B is 2025/26 and 2026/27 will be year C. 2027/28 will then be year A again (this will not match with year A in Larch class, above).

Oak class (year 6) – as with Holly class, covering the same units each year as it is a single year group class.

In the event that our class structures change, this Long-Term Plan will be updated to reflect the new rolling programme.

Substantive Concepts				
Location Knowledge		Place Knowledge	Human & Physical Geography	Geographical Skills & Fieldwork
		Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Larch Class Yr 1/2	A	Continents & Oceans	Hot & cold locations	Human & physical geography in the local area
	B	Continents & Oceans (revisit)	Contrasting UK and non-European countries	Orienteering: Map skills & fieldwork
Willow Class Yr 3/4	A	Countries and regions of the UK	Water Cycle	Latitude & longitude
	B	Rivers	Environmental regions	Orienteering: Map skills & fieldwork inc. 4 & 6 figure grid references
Ash Class Yr 4/5	C	Human & physical geography: local area study	UK study	OS maps skills & fieldwork
Oak Class Yr 6	A	Physical Processes: Earthquakes, mountains & volcanoes)	Human & physical geography: Economic, settlements & trade links	Study & compare places: UK, Europe and North America
				Orienteering: Map skills & fieldwork

Some topics cover more than one substantive concept. For example, work on rivers, physical processes and environmental regions will also include place knowledge, while comparisons of different parts of the world will include human and physical geography as well as place knowledge.

To find more detail on the content of each topic, see the Geography Progression Map on our website, and also the knowledge organisers for each topic which will be on the class pages when the class is studying that topic.