

Zooming In: Exploring Asia



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In this unit, we will build on our knowledge of countries in the same continent as ours by looking at countries in other continents. We will gain an overview of major geographical features of Asia and will explore, in detail, an Asian locality and its geographical features. We will reflect on how the geographical features of an area can influence culture. We will have an appreciation and understanding of the diversity of Asia and we will have used our map and atlas skills to explore the continent thoroughly.

These are the key skills and knowledge you will develop through this unit:

Knowledge	<u>Locational Knowledge</u> I can name and locate at least four countries in Asia linked to people we know and stories in the news. <u>Place Knowledge</u> I can describe similarities and differences between at least two different localities in Asia using both maps and research. <u>Human and Physical Geography Knowledge</u> I can ask and answer geographical questions about the physical and human characteristics of two contrasting places in Asia
Skills	I can analyse data and research to help me ask and answer geographical questions. I can use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping (Google Earth) to locate countries and features already studied and use them to research new locations. I can understand what a topographical map is. I can use locational and directional language including 8 compass directions to describe the location of features on a map. I can recognise and use the 8 points of a compass.

	I can use fieldwork to observe and record the human and physical features in the local area such as taking photographs, making notes, graphing and doing sketches. I can create maps of locations identifying a range of features with OS symbols. I can identify features on an OS maps. I can confidently use 4 figure grid references and begin to use 8-figure grid reference. I can begin to use 4 figure grid references.
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These are some of the key new geographical terms that you will learn in this unit:

Vocabulary

Hemisphere	Biomes	Tundra
Immigration	Deserts	Cartographer
Emigration	Grasslands	Topographic
Political	Mountains	Flora
Border	Plateau	Fauna
Economic	Continents	
Social	Temperate	

Throughout the unit, you will learn the meaning of these words.

How can you use them throughout the unit? How can you use them in other work? What other new vocabulary have you discovered?

Reading Links

Read a range of texts linked to Asia

Writing Links

Write a travel itinerary for an adventure across Asia.

Maths Links

Distance, scale, coordinates, latitude and longitude

Other Curriculum Links

Art/DT - create a model of a biome