Year 3/4 Curriculum Overview
Geography

Year Groups	Cycle	Unit List	DE Lesson found in:
Years 3 & 4	A	1. Settlements	Year 3
		2. Biomes	Year 3
		3. The United Kingdom	Year 4
	B	1. Europe	Year 4
		2. Italy	Year 3
		3. Volcanoes, Mountains and Earthquakes	Year 4

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Cycle A		
Unit	**Year Group**	**Rationale**
Settlements	Year 3	All pupils will be able to access this unit, having been taught the necessary prior knowledge in Year 1/2. Pupils will learn about the different types of settlements found in the UK, which will enable a deeper understanding of the United Kingdom later in this cycle. Pupils will learn to read 4-digit grid references on an Ordnance Survey map and have the opportunity to discover geographical facts about their own local area.
Biomes	Year 3	Pupils will build on learning from Year 1/2 to explore the variety of biomes around the world. They will expand their knowledge of rainforests, deserts and the polar regions, and deepen their understanding of the varying climate zones.
United Kingdom	Year 4	DE suggests that this unit is taught in the same cycle as Settlements. Pupils will build on their knowledge of the UK from Year 1/2 and Settlements to explore counties and cities and what makes specific regions unique.

Cycle B		
Unit	**Year Group**	**Rationale**
Europe	Year 4	DE suggests teaching Europe (Year 4) and Italy (Year 3) in the same cycle. While these units can be taught in either order, by teaching Europe first, teachers and pupils may have the opportunity to extend the Italy unit to reflect a deeper understanding of its place within the continent of Europe.
Italy	Year 3	This unit is accessible for all pupils as it builds on learning from Year 1/2. Pupils will learn about the climate in Italy and how this affects the produce that is grown. Pupils will also learn about some significant Italian landmarks and why it is a popular tourist destination.
Volcanoes, Mountains and Earthquakes	Year 4	Having learnt about Italy's volcanoes in the previous unit, pupils will have the necessary prior knowledge to access the content of this unit. Pupils are introduced to tectonic plates in simple terms, and the role these play in the formation of volcanoes, mountains and earthquakes.

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