Year 5/6 Curriculum Overview
Geography

Year Groups	Cycle	Unit List	DE Lesson found in:
Years 5 & 6	A	1. Our Local Area	Year 5
		2. Our Connected World	Year 5
		3. My Place	Year 6
	B	1. Our Blue Planet	Year 5
		2. The Amazon Rainforest	Year 6
		3. North America	Year 6

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Cycle A		
Unit	**Year Group**	**Rationale**
Our Local Area	Year 5	All pupils will have the prior knowledge from KS1 and Lower KS2 to access the content of this unit. The pupils will extend their knowledge of Ordnance Survey maps by reading 6-digit reference grids and exploring the geographical features of their local area.
Our Connected World	Year 5	Pupils have the necessary prior knowledge from previous year groups to access this unit. They build on their knowledge of the equator to locate the Northern and Southern Hemispheres and the tropics, and learn about the different time zones. They begin to understand the movement of resources around the world.
My Place	Year 6	This unit was designed as a summation of the geographical knowledge and skills pupils have learnt over their time at primary school. This will be the case for those pupils who begin Year 5/6 in Cycle B. For pupils who still have a year of Geography to be taught, this unit is still accessible if the Our Local Area and Our Connected World units have been taught within the same cycle. In this unit, pupils are asked to produce a project that highlights the geographical features of their favourite location in the world. They will understand how to read 6-digit grid references, discuss human and physical features and be able to talk about time zones, the climate, and how the distance from the equator or polar regions affects this.

Cycle B		
Unit	**Year Group**	**Rationale**
Our Blue Planet	Year 5	Pupils have the necessary prior knowledge from previous year groups to access this unit. They build on their knowledge of the 5 oceans, discovering features of rivers and their importance. Pupils learn about the water cycle and how it supports the health of our planet.
The Amazon Rainforest	Year 6	Pupils will have prior knowledge of rainforests from KS1 and Lower KS2 and should understand why these biomes have formed. In this unit, the pupils will delve deeper into the Amazon's unique features, its importance and the challenges it faces.
North America	Year 6	This unit enables pupils to apply their knowledge of human and physical geography within the context of North America. Having learnt about volcanoes in Year 3/4, pupils will expand this knowledge by exploring the San Andreas fault line.

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