Vocabulary Progression for Geography 2026-2027

To note:

Due to the unique nature of the structure of classes each year at Martlesham Primary Academy, children may be exposed to vocabulary in a year prior or year after their own year group. This is due to the need for mixed-aged classes within the school.

	Key Stage 1		Lower Key Stage 2		Upper Key Stage 2	
EYFS	**Year 1**	**Year 2**	**Year 3**	**Year 4**	**Year 5**	**Year 6**
beach	aerial view	bay*	active	altitude*	allotment	Antarctic Circle
behind	autumn	cardinal point	agricultural	canal*	arable	Arctic Circle
building	atlas	characteristic	carbon footprint	condensation*	biodiversity	boreal forest
coastline	capital city	climate	classify	contour*	biome	cyclone
cold	cathedral	compass	commercial	culture	depression	deforestation
hot	compare	conservation*	continental drift	delta*	economy	dispersed
journey	continent	contrast	convergent	deposition*	ecosystem	drought
landmark	country	east	core	elevation*	fair trade	export
map	direction	environment	county	estuary*	fauna	fossil fuel
next to	equator	erosion*	crust	evaporation*	fertiliser	glacier
over	Europe	harbour*	degree	floodplain*	flora	global warming
pollution	fieldwork	locality	divergent	gradient*	grassland	greenhouse effect
recycle	globe*	location	dormant	interconnected	harvest	import
reduce	hemisphere	north	earthquake	meander*	hierarchy	indigenous
reuse	human feature	population*	easting	natural resource*	meridian	industry
sand	key	route	epicentre	plateau*	organic	linear
sea	monument	similarity	extinct	precipitation*	pastoral	native
sun	ocean	south	intercardinal	renewable	pesticides	nomadic
through	physical feature	temperate	latitude	sediment*	population density	permafrost
travel	pole	tourism	longitude	source*	relief map	polar ice caps
under	position	west	magma	summit*	savannah	poverty
wind	season		mantle	topography*	scale	typhoon
	settlement		northing	tributary*	sow	
	Spring		Ordnance survey	Tropic of Cancer	sustainable	
	summer		Pangaea	Tropic of Capricorn	taiga	

	symbols		plate boundary	tundra*	time zone	
	temperature		recreational	vapour*	vegetation belt	
	United Kingdom		residential	variation*		
	weather		rural			
	winter		seismic			
			tectonic plate			
			tsunami			
			urban			
			volcano			

The words which have an * are those which the children will be/have been exposed to the previous or following year due to being taught in a mixed-age class.