



# St. Francis Xavier's RC Primary School

## Geography Unit Guidance and Formative Assessment

<b>Year Group:</b>	<b>Year 6 Spring Term</b>	<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Geography</b>
<b>Unit:</b>	The Midlands U.K.	<b>Prerequisite Learning and Curriculum Links</b>	<p><b>EYFS ELG People, Culture and Communities</b> Describe the immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, non-fiction texts and maps; know some similarities and differences between different religious and cultural communities in this country; explain some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries drawing on knowledge from stories, non-fiction text and when appropriate – maps.</p> <p><b>Year 1</b> Local Area; <b>Year 2</b> UK small area study: Barry Island  <b>Year 3</b> A study of the canals and rivers of the West Midlands  <b>Year 4</b> Herefordshire; <b>Year 5</b> Rivers</p> <p><b>Curriculum Links:</b>          Art: Local artists          History: Hereford and the English Civil War          Geography: A region of France: Franche-Comte (Besancon)</p>

<b>ROCKS (Remembering Our Curriculum Knowledge and Skills)</b>	
To understand the structure and history of the formation of the United Kingdom.	
Geography is divided into the two main branches of physical and human geography which can be defined as the natural features of the landscape and the impact of humans upon the landscape.	
The Midlands is an area of central England. Its largest city is Birmingham with a population of 842,065. Hereford has a population of 63,000. The West Midlands comprises the counties of Staffordshire, Warwickshire, Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Shropshire.	
Tropical winds from the south west affect our climate. We experience warmer and wetter winters than other parts of the UK.	
<b>Progressive Journey:</b>	<b>Skills:</b>
Democratic system within the UK- how parliament is formed. The history of the formation of the UK and Great Britain. Understanding what a relief (topographic) map is. Look at OS symbols and maps. Human Geography: Understanding the different types of settlement in relation to maps of Hereford. Understand economic activity and in particular, industry within Hereford and the Midlands. Imports and exports include the car industry, cider and agriculture. Examine population data. Physical Geography: Rivers, uplands and climate zones of the Midlands.	Suggest questions for investigating. Analyse evidence and draw conclusions. Use data on land use over time and explain reasons behind differences. Describe features shown on an OS map. Confidently identify significant places and environments. Draw maps based on their own data. Use atlas symbols.
<b>Key Vocabulary</b> United Kingdom government democracy parliament M.P. election British Empire physical/human geography settlement economic activity imports exports population statistics uplands source climate zones topographic/relief map	