

# 7 things every Primary geography subject leader should consider

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# 7 curriculum considerations about ...

the NC

**real locations**

**limited contexts**

**graphicacy**

**spatial** cognition

**going deep**

**YOU!**

# 1: National Curriculum

"develop contextual knowledge of the location of globally significant places – both terrestrial and marine – ...and how these provide a geographical context for understanding the actions of processes" (NC, 2014)



# Google

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- "The North Atlantic is warmest and saltiest, the South Atlantic is coldest and densest, and the North Pacific is least dense and least salty." [Source](#)
- 60% of the world's fish come from The Pacific Ocean ([Source](#))
- Southern Ocean has 17 types of penguins and 1% of its fish catch! ([Source](#))

# 2: Real locations

Everyday life

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# 3: Limited contexts



This is my London

# 4: Graphicacy

Reading maps is just one of the skills of graphicacy

It is also about interpreting visual images such as pictures, graphs, sketches, charts, photographs and diagrams.

*Does it stand alongside oracy, literacy and numeracy?*

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# 5: Spatial Cognition

Locating or orienting ourselves

"with respect to the larger global space and to other places"

"...a wide range of up-to-date resources to develop pupils' locational knowledge and spatial cognition...use live data sources to motivate pupils."

(Ofsted, 2021)



Research and analysis

**Research review series:  
geography**

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# 6: Going deep

"As well as ...technical, or procedural, knowledge...ensure that pupils can apply that knowledge...imagery provides the contextual setting that strengthens pupils' schema and deepens their understanding...images ...spark pupils' curiosity and lead them to ask their own questions or spur their interest to further their knowledge of the human and/or physical processes they see."  
(Ofsted, 2021)





**7: You**

**Your context**

**Your community**

**Identity**

**Celebrating similarity**

**Considering difference**