National Curriculum	St Thomas More Geography Curriculum: KS2
Statutory Requirements	
Key Stage 2	
Pupils should extend their	Rivers
knowledge and	Where are the major rivers of the world?
understanding beyond the	Why is the Volga River important to people?
local area to include the	Why is the River Thames important? – local study
United Kingdom and Europe,	
North and South America.	Mountains
This will include the location	What is the Earth made of?
and characteristics of a	Demonstrate understanding
range of the world's most	
significant human and	Biomes (South America - focus)
physical features.	What are the Earth's biomes?
	Where is South America and what are its countries and biomes?
	How does the human geography of South America compare to the UK?
	Polar Biomes
	Where are the continents, oceans of the world and can you label a world map including
	lines of latitude and longitude?
	What are the Earth's biomes?
	What are the key geographical features of the Arctic – including Russia?
	What are the key geographical features of the Antarctic?
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	Migration
	What is migration?
	Population
	Where do people live around the world?
	Energy and Sustainability
	What is special about Curitiba?
	What is special about Freiburg?

	Natural Resources
	What resources does Chile have?
	Location and place toolkit
Name and locate counties	Rivers
and cities of the United	Mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes
Kingdom, geographical	Energy and sustainability
regions and their identifying	
human and physical	Rivers
characteristics, key	How do rivers shape the land?
topographical features	What landforms can rivers create?
(including hills, mountains,	Mountains, Volcanoes and Earthquakes
coasts and rivers), and land-	How are mountains and volcanoes formed
use patterns; and	What are fold mountains
understand how some of	Energy and sustainability
these aspects have changed	Why is the environment under so much pressure today?
over time.	
They should develop their	All Units
use of geographical	Location and Place toolkit
knowledge, understanding	
and skills to enhance their	
locational and place	
knowledge.	
Local knowledge: locate the	Rivers
world's countries, using	Where are the major rivers of the world?
maps to focus on Europe	Why is the Volga River important to people?
(including the location of	Why is the River Thames important? – local study
Russia) and North and South	
America, concentrating on	Mountains
their environmental regions,	What is the Earth made of?
key physical and human	Demonstrate understanding
characteristics, countries,	
and major cities.	Biomes (South America Focus)

What are the Earth's biomes?
Where is South America and what are its countries and biomes?
How were the Andes formed?
Where is the Amazon Rainforest and what can you find there?
Why is the Amazon River important?
How does the human geography of South America compare to the UK?
Polar Biomes
Where are the continents, oceans of the world and can you label a world map including lines of latitude and longitude?
What are the Earth's biomes?
What are the key geographical features of the Arctic – including Russia?
What are the key geographical features of the Antarctic?
What is it like to live in the Arctic and how does it compare to the UK?
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Local Fieldwork
Designing tools for fieldwork
Conducting fieldwork
What does your fieldwork show?

physical characteristics, key	Villages, Towns and Cities
topographical features	Where do people live?
(including hills, mountains, coasts and rivers), and land-	What are the geographical features of Kidlington?
use patterns; and	Water and Weather
understand how some of	Why is the weather in the UK unpredictable?
these aspects have changed	
over time.	Migration
	What caused the Windrush generation to move to Britain?
	Population
	Where do people live around the world?
	How and why has population changed?
	Natural Resources
	What resources does the UK have?
	Change toolkit; Cause and effect toolkit
	Polar Biomes
	What is it like to live in the Arctic and how does it compare to the UK?
Local knowledge: identify	Water and Weather
the position and significance	Why do we have seasons?
of latitude, longitude,	,
Equator, Northern	Biomes (South America focus)
Hemisphere, Southern	Why are the biomes where they are?
Hemisphere, the Tropics of	
Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic	Polar Biomes

and Antarctic Circle, the Prime/ Greenwich Meridian and time zones (including day and night).	Where are the continents, oceans of the world and can you label a world map including lines of latitude and longitude? Why are biomes where they are? Why do we have day and night?
Place knowledge: understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human	<b>Rivers</b> Why is the Volga River important to people? Why is the River Thames important? – local study
and physical geography of a	South America
region of the United Kingdom, a region in a European country, and a region within North or South	Why is the Amazon River important? How does the human geography of South America compare to the UK?
America.	Villages, Towns and Cities
	Where do people live?
	What are the geographical features of Kidlington?
	Weather and Water
	Why do we have seasons?
	Mountains How do earthquakes and volcanic eruptions happen?
	Migration Can I create a profile for a migrant?
	Population
	How and why has population changed?
	Energy and Sustainability
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Human and physical	Rivers; Weather and Water; Biomes
geography: describe and	
understand key aspects of:	Mountains, Volcanoes and Earthquakes
physical geography,	How are mountains and volcanoes formed?
including: climate zones,	How do earthquakes and volcanic eruptions happen?
biomes and vegetation belts, rivers, mountains, volcanoes	What are the effects of earthquakes and volcanic eruptions?
and earthquakes, and the	Energy and sustainability
water cycle	What is sustainability?
	What can we learn from Curitiba?
	Change toolkit
	Decision making toolkit
Human and physical geography: describe and	Villages, towns and cities; Migration; Population; Energy and Sustainability; Natural Resources; Globalisation
understand key aspects of: human geography, including:	Rivers
types of settlement and land	Why are rivers important to people?
use, economic activity	Why should we protect rivers from pollution?
including trade links, and the	
distribution of natural	South America
resources including energy,	Where is the Amazon Rainforest and what can you find there?
food, minerals and water.	Why is the Amazon River important?
	How does the human geography of South America compare to the UK?
	Polar Biomes
	What is it like to live in the Arctic and how does it compare to the UK?
	Mountains, Volcanoes and Earthquakes
	Do the benefits of living near a volcano outweigh the risks?

Imagine you are in charge of a town. How would you plan for a volcanic eruption? Biomes (South America Focus)
Why are biomes under threat?
How can we persuade people to protect biomes?
: 'It is already too late to protect biomes from climate change.' How much do you
agree?
Change toolkit
Decision making toolkit
Rivers
Where are the major rivers of the world?
Why is the Volga River important to people?
Why is the River Thames important? – local study
Local Fieldwork
Why do geographers undertake fieldwork?
Villages, Towns and Cities
Where do people live?
What makes up a city?
What are the geographical features of Kidlington?
Weather and Water
Why does it rain?
Why do we have seasons?
Why is the weather in the UK unpredictable?
Mountains, Volcanoes and Earthquakes
What is the Earth made of?
what is the Earth made of:
Biomes (South America Focus)
What are the Earth's biomes?
Where is South America and what are its countries and biomes?
How does the human geography of South America compare to the UK?

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	Why are biomes where they are?
	What are the key geographical features of the Arctic – including Russia?
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	Migration
	What is migration?
	Population
	Where do people live around the world?
	What are the challenges of an ageing population?
	What are the best ways to feed the planet?
	Demonstrate understanding
	Energy and Sustainability
	What is special about Curitiba?
	What is special about Freiburg?
	Natural Resources
	Where are the world's natural resources?
	What resources does Chile have?
	Globalisation
	How has globalisation changed the way we communicate?
Geographical skills and	Local Fieldwork
fieldwork: use the eight	How are maps used for fieldwork?
points of a compass, four	What is the purpose of fieldwork?
and six-figure grid	What is the difference between quantitative and qualitative data?
references, symbols and key	What is a field sketch and how do geographers conduct one?
(including the use of	
Ordnance Survey maps) to	Rivers

build their knowledge of the	Why is the River Thames important? – local study
United Kingdom and the	
wider world.	
Geographical skills and	Local fieldwork
fieldwork: use fieldwork to	
observe, measure, record	Population
and present the human and	Where do people live around the world?
physical features in the local	How and why has population changed?
area using a range of	Demonstrate understanding
methods, including sketch	How is a population pyramid created?
maps, plans and graphs, and	
digital technologies.	Villages, Towns and Cities
	Where do people live?
	What are the geographical features of Kidlington?
	Energy and Sustainability
	How do we produce energy?
	What does the future hold?
	Natural Resources
	How has the use of natural resources changed?
	Globalisation
	How has globalisation changed the way we communicate?
	How does Globalisation affect trade?
	Where will Globalisation lead us? Task 1;
Describe and understand key	Units: Local fieldwork; Migration; Population; Energy and Sustainability; Natural
aspects of human	Resources; Globalisation
geography, including: types	Change toolkit
of settlement and land use,	Cause and effect toolkit
economic activity including	
trade links, and the	

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distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water	