

KS3 Geography
Curriculum Content - Long term plan

| | | Autumn | Spring | Summer |
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| Year 7 | Topic | Let's Go to China | Sensational Safari | Magical Mapping |
| Key Focus | | Pupils will learn about the geography of China, focussing on the main human and physical features of the country. Pupils will learn about the geographical similarities and differences between China and the United Kingdom. Pupils will also have the opportunity to begin to develop their map skills by using atlases, globes and online mapping platforms. | Pupils will learn about the geography of Kenya, focussing on the main human and physical features of the country. Pupils will also learn about key geographical features of the country, including Kenyan wildlife, landscapes and culture. | Students will develop their key map skills through a range of engaging geographical skill based activities. Students will learn how to 'view from above' by looking at aerial photographs to spot human and physical features, understand simple map symbols, compass directions and develop key geographical vocabulary throughout the unit. |
| Year 8 | Topic | Extreme Earth | The UK | All Around the World |
| Key focus | | Pupils will learn about the destructive powers of nature, from volcanoes and earthquakes to tsunamis and tornadoes. Through discussion and practical tasks, pupils will learn about how and why these natural phenomenon occur and the ways in which they affect people and the environment. | Pupils will look at the geography of the United Kingdom, from the physical features of mountains, rivers and seas to the man-made administrative regions and counties. Pupils will find out how the United Kingdom has changed over time, looking at how London grew and how the population of the United Kingdom as a whole has changed throughout the course of history. | Pupils will take a closer look at where the countries of the world are located, and some of the ways geographers describe locations. Pupils will learn to locate and describe places using longitude and latitude, then find out about some of the important lines that delineate specific areas of the Earth – the Equator, the Hemispheres, the Poles and the Tropics. |
| Year 9 | Topic | Rainforests | Somewhere to settle | The Amazing Americas |
| Key focus | | Pupils will take a closer look at the mysteries of tropical rainforests, from the layers of the forest and its inhabitants, to the unique climate found in the tropics. Pupils will compare a British forest with the Amazon rainforest and begin to explore some of the conservation issues surrounding the destruction of rainforest habitats. | Pupils will think about the needs of a settlement and the needs of the planet as a whole. Pupils will find out where our resources come from and will look at ways in which natural resources can be conserved. Pupils will also explore carbon footprints and will consider how their actions impact others around the world. | Students will begin the unit by finding out about the continents of North and South America. Pupils will then look in more details at some of the contrasting areas of North America, finding out about the landscape, climate and locations in each area. |