

Curriculum Overview

Autumn	Spring	Summer
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Local People, Local Places• The UK	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tsunami• Madagascar	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• River Flooding• Weather

Main Skills Developed in the Course

Year 7 Geography is taught alongside History as part of Humanities. It provides an introduction to the differences between Human and Physical Geography through the study of a wide range of topics.

Students are equipped with key geographic concepts of place, space, scale, interdependence, development and diversity in order to provide a strong base for future development. Emphasis is placed on acquisition of the skills needed to be successful Geographers by studying maps, graphs and carrying out independent research.

Homework & Assessments Overview

- Local People, Local Places — Assessment - A decision making exercise about the local area that will give students skills relating to making decisions about development in the local area.
- The UK – H/W - A research Project on Travel within the UK, that develops student's interest in areas of the UK they could visit in the future.
- Tsunami - H/W - A newspaper article about the Indian ocean tsunami, giving students the opportunity to develop their empathy for those involved in natural disasters.
- Madagascar - Assessment - A decision making exercise about the future of the Madagascan rainforest, that will develop students ability to make decisions based upon evidence and values.
- Weather - H/W - A weather study based on the criteria students will need to meet in their GCSE controlled assessment.
- River flooding - Assessment - An assessment based upon the normal examinations students will begin to sit in KS4 to help students develop the skills to answer data response questions, describe, compare, explain and examine questions.

Useful Resources

- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zn476sg> : Volcanoes and Earthquakes
- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zfkmhyc> : Brazil, War and Conflict, Population
- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zwnrkqt> : World Issues, globalisation
- The BBC KS3 Bitesize website is useful
- National Geographic for Kids website (includes educational games!)

Practical tips / activities for parents to support learning at home

- Watching Geography based programmes on television can be useful.
- Discussion of Geographical issues in the news.
- Using IT creatively to acquire and develop skills, reading books regularly to develop literacy.