

Key Stage 3 Curriculum - Geography

Year 7 Curriculum	Year 8 Curriculum	Year 9 Curriculum
Map skills:	Threatened Ecosystems	Tectonics:
An introduction to Geography	Explore the tropical rainforest	Volcanoes and tsunamis:
and an opportunity to explore	ecosystems including climate,	Explaining the causes,
through different map skills.	plants and animals, indigenous	consequences, and
	tribes, and exploitation of the	management of these hazards.
	rainforests.	
Exploring Britain:	Energy:	China
Learning about the country in	Understanding of the	A rising global superpower.
which we live, what its	consequences of increasing	Explore the reasons for its
landscape is like and why it is	fossil fuel use and what are the	success and what is life is like
like this.	alternatives. Including an	for its citizens.
	investigation into Hardenhuish.	
Weather and Climate:	Population and Migration	Geography of Disease:
Exploring factors that affect the	Explore where people live in	How does health vary around
climate, how we measure the	the world and understand why	the world.
weather and a comparison of	people migrate and the impacts	Understanding the causes and
the UK and other major	this has on host and source	consequences of a range of
climates.	countries.	diseases and the effects this
		has on global health.
Flooding:	Coasts	Globalisation:
Causes, Consequences and	An exploration of the coastline	Investigation the role of
Solutions of flooding, including	of the UK the formation of	transnational corporations in
on site fieldwork on infiltration	famous features and the	different countries at varying
rates and the factors that affect	opportunities and challenges	levels of development.
these.	facing locations such as	·
	Cornwall.	
Africa	Rich and Poor:	Carbon
Investigating contrasting	What factors influence the	Exploring the Carbon cycle and
cultures and landscapes across	development gap and what can	completing a fieldwork
three countries Morocco,	be done to reduce this with a	investigation into the potential
Kenya, and South Africa	focus on Ghana.	development of Hardenhuish
		woods and how valuable it is as
		a woodland.
	Iceland	Amazing places:
	Using Iceland to investigate	Exploring a range of amazing
	physical landscapes such as	places around the world which
	glaciers, rivers, coasts,	are known for their unique
	volcanoes, and the impacts	characteristics.
	they have on humans.	

At Key Stage 3 pupils will be assessed 5-6 times during the year. These assessments will take a variety of forms so that a range of skills will be tested. They may be based upon GCSE style questions, essay writing on globalisation or decision making on the development of the rainforest. In all assessed work we are looking for pupils to be able to both describe and explain the concepts they have learnt. We are also looking for pupils to be able to apply what they have learnt to new situations. Fieldwork is an important feature of Geography, and a range of opportunities are provided in each year of Key Stage 3 to complete investigations outside the classroom around the school site.