



Key Stage 3 Curriculum - Geography

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

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.