



SUBJECT	Geography		YEAR	8
<p>Why do we study geography? The Geography curriculum provides students with the knowledge to understand and better care for the world around them. We develop an appreciation of real-world issues, broaden awareness of how they impact our lives, and provide practical skills to engage with geographical challenges and support future careers.</p>				
What you will learn this year	What you have learned before	Where you can read more		
The Living World				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food chains & webs • Biomes – location & characteristics • Tropical Rainforests – deforestation & management • Tribes • Hot Deserts – development & challenges <p>Cartographic, graphical, numerical, statistical, literacy skills (describe, analyse)</p>	<p>Primary school:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate • Biomes & vegetation belts • Land use & economic activity • Continents incl. South America <p>Year 7:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locational knowledge • Resources • Map, graph, maths, atlas skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Journey to the River Sea – Eva Ibbotson • Horrible Geography – Bloomin’ Rainforests • BBC News – Science & Environment • The Guardian – Environment • BBC iPlayer Science & Nature 		
Hot Topic – Plastic Pollution				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extent and location worldwide • Scale of problem in UK & worldwide • The missing 99% • Plastic journey • Impacts on humans • Sustainable Development Goals <p>Cartographic, graphical, numerical, statistical, literacy skills (SQUID, persuasive writing)</p>	<p>Primary school:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locational knowledge • Continents & oceans • Beaches, coasts, rivers, oceans <p>Year 7:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locational knowledge • Coasts • Resources – sustainable cities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bottle & Sold – The story behind our obsession with bottled water – Peter Gleick • Plastic Planet – How plastic came to rule the world • Turning the tide on plastic – Lucy Siegle • BBC News, The Guardian & The Independent – Science & Environment • Marine Debris tracker • Ocean Clean-Up 		
Weather Hazards				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weather & Climate • Measuring weather • Rain types • Depressions & anticyclones • Extreme weather • Tropical Revolving Storms • Global Warming causes, effects & management • Microclimate investigation <p>Cartographic, graphical, numerical, statistical, literacy skills (PEED paragraphs, analysing), fieldwork skills.</p>	<p>Primary school:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Characteristics of the four countries of the UK • Climate zones around the world • Daily weather patterns in UK • Fieldwork (measure, record, present) <p>Year 7:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locational knowledge • Map, graph & fieldwork skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Horrible Geography – Wicked Weather/Stormy Weather • The Great Melt – Alister Doyle • Rebel Girls – Climate Warriors • BBC News – Climate change • The Guardian – Climate change • BBC iPlayer Science & Nature 		
Rivers				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • River profile • River processes • Landforms of erosion and deposition • Water cycle • Boscastle flooding • Flood management • River Nile conflicts <p>Cartographic, graphical, numerical, statistical, literacy skills (sequencing), fieldwork skills.</p>	<p>Primary school:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water cycle • OS map skills • Topographical features (rivers) <p>This year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weather & climate • Human and physical geography • Map skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Journey to the River Sea – Eva Ibbotson • BBC News & The Guardian – Environment/Rivers/Flooding • The Environment Agency 		