



St Joseph's RC Middle School

Geography Subject Overview

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 5	<p>What is Geography? Human and Physical Geography. Using an Atlas to locate places – Maps of the British Isles, Europe, the World and the Continents. Map Skills – Four Figure and Six Figure Grid References, direction, contour lines and using OS Maps Using Latitude and Longitude to locate places. Self and surroundings – local Geography.</p>	<p>Weather and Climate How does weather affect our lives? Recording and observing weather. Britain's weather compared to another country. What causes different weathers? – visit with P. Mooney. Understand what the climate of a country is and how plants and animals adapt to it. Weather enquiry.</p>	<p>Resources and the Environment How do we use the earth's resources? How does industry pollute the environment? Renewable and non-renewable resources. How to conserve resources and protect the environment.</p>
Year 6	<p>South America Understand geographical similarities and differences through a study of human and physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom and a region within South America. Physical geography including climate, mountains and rivers. Human geography including types of settlement, land use and trade links. To know the similarities and differences between where I live, a region of Europe and the Amazon.</p>	<p>Volcanoes and Earthquakes Describe and understand the key aspects of physical geography including volcanoes and earthquakes. To understand how to prepare, predict and plan for a volcanic eruption. How are volcanoes formed? What causes earthquakes and tsunamis and what are their effects?</p>	<p>Water Cycle – Rivers Describe the water cycle and the journey of a river. Key physical features of rivers. Understand the damage caused by flooding and what can be done to protect people from flooding. Case study of different rivers.</p>
Year 7	<p>Settlement What is a settlement hierarchy? Settlement patterns – why settlements grow and change in a certain way The difference between rural and urban areas The rural-urban fringe – the development of greenbelts and conflict The problems of big cities – case studies comparing MEDC's with LEDC's</p>	<p>International Development and Economic Activity Development indicators and comparisons between MEDC's and LEDC's. Effects of trade and jobs on development. Does money make you happy? Issues with international aid. Case study of Fairtrade.</p>	<p>Rivers, Coasts and Glaciation Changes in landscape and understanding of river characteristics. Human and natural causes of flooding and ways to reduce and manage flood risk. Understand processes which shape distinctive landscapes. Compare coasts in the United Kingdom with a region in North or South America.</p>
Year 8	<p>Population The factors that can affect the population of a place natural increase and migration Describing patterns of population distribution in different places – MEDC and LEDC comparisons The impact of an increasing population on the environment – making links between people and their environments. Migrant crisis.</p>	<p>Tourism What caused the increase and decline in the popularity of the UK seaside resort? To investigate the impact of tourism in Spain. Sustainable tourism in National Parks and the Alps. Different types of tourism: mass, dark, extreme and their advantages and disadvantages.</p>	<p>Natural Hazards Where and why do volcanic eruptions happen? What are the different types of natural hazards? The impact of natural hazards. Human impact on natural hazards. Cause, effect and response to natural hazards.</p>

