

Geography Year 7 Curriculum Overview



What is the Year 7 Geography curriculum aiming to achieve?

What do we want our Year 7 Geographers to be like?	How are we building on prior learning?	How can parents/carers support their child's learning?
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be enquiring and ask questions about the world they live in. 2. Become 21st Century Geographers. 3. Understand how physical and human processes lead to change. 4. Understand patterns and place from UK to Asia. 5. Develop Geographical & I.T. Skills. 	<p>There can be a large variation in the topics and skills pupils develop in primary school. As such, our curriculum aims to be as broad and inclusive as possible whilst covering the key themes and skills that every Geographer needs in their toolkit.</p>	<p>If you are going on holiday, take photographs, sketch outlines of the cliffs and mountains.</p> <p>Watch T.V documentaries like Blue Planet to encourage our Geographers to engage with the natural world.</p> <p>Subscribe to our Geog department Instagram and Twitter accounts.</p>

How are we organising the Year 7 Geography curriculum?

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Topics	Amazing UK Adventure		Pershire to Peru!		Going Global?	
Threshold Concepts	#1 Processes #2 Perspectives #4 Interactions #5 Change #8 Place & Space #9 Enquiry		#2 Perspectives #4 Interactions #7 Scale #8 Place & Space		#2 Perspectives #3 Patterns #4 Interactions #6 Sustainability #7 Scale	
Skills	OS map skills Fieldwork enquiry. Drawing & Analysing Population pyramids.		Describing Patterns Figure & Photo Interpretations.		Graphic Skills: Choropleth Desire line maps e.t.c.	
Enrichment within the curriculum	Our Geographers will have the opportunity to engage in Fieldwork opportunities via the 'Geographers going places' scheme. In year 7 there are opportunities for field visits within the local area. We explore the sustainability of the environment and changes in the population in rural –urban areas. Additional learning enrichment can also be accessed via the Twitter and Instagram accounts which hold regular competitions and challenges to ignite their spark for learning in Geography. There will also be an opportunity to attend the inter-school Geography Quiz at Christmas time to claim the 'Geography Champions' Trophy.					
Cross curricular links	<p>History: The 'This Country' topic makes connections to History via the slave trade, colonialism & imperialism.</p> <p>Religious studies: The 'Going Global' topic makes connections via Christianity and Islam in Religious Studies.</p> <p>Art: The 'Amazing UK Adventure' & 'Going Global' topics make connections to Art & Design via Black Lives Matter African art topic.</p> <p>Maths: Connections are made to Maths within the graph skills in every topic but especially through scale and ratios in the mapping skills topic at the start of the year.</p> <p>Science: The 'Amazing UK Adventure' topic makes connections with science via the study of weather air pressure and physical landscape processes.</p>					
Extra-curricular opportunities	We aim to encourage their love for the subject beyond the classroom with an 'Awesome Geographers' club every week. These sessions run at lunchtimes and provide a space for our Geographers to hold debates, present talks, play geographical games or work on projects.					

What are the intended outcomes of the Year 7 Geography curriculum?

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Opportunities to show progress (Assessments)	Knowledge & Map Skills Test School Fieldwork Report	K & S Test Mapping UK Landmarks & Landforms Road Trip	Knowledge & Skills test Creative Problem-Solving Task	Written Report Oral Presentation	Practice GCSE-style questions Case studies of Global TNCs	Formal end of year assessment
Impact on personal development (SMSC)	Geography will enable our young learners to explore the world around them and gain insight into how their lives in the UK compare to other populations and cultural values around the world. They will learn what British values look like in the 21 st Century, by exploring the core values of mutual respect and democracy. This will help them deconstruct cultural stereotypes to become more accepting and understanding individuals and learners.					
Preparation for the next stage of education	Our Geographers are tactically directed through topics that they require to not only ready them for further study at GCSE & A-Level but enable them to become practical and capable Geographers in the world after school. The 'Amazing UK Adventure' topic provides our Geographers with the knowledge of physical processes that they develop in later topics in KS3 and GCSE level. The 'Going Global' topic for example, enables our Geographers to grasp the concept of globalisation, a key idea that explains many of the issues we will discuss in the 'Apocalypse Now' topic in Year 9 and the 'Changing economic world' topic in GCSE.					