

Geography Curriculum Overview - Year 8

		Unit	Details
Autumn One		Crime	In this topic pupils will develop a range of transferable geographical skills while focusing on the nature, distribution and impacts of crime. Pupils begin by developing an understanding of the categories of crime and analysing trends in crime from a range of sources. Pupils will then investigate the links between the geography of an area and how it can influence the nature of crime. The topic finishes with a case study that looks at the impacts of crime on the local area.
Autumn Two		Volcanoes	Pupils will build on their understanding of volcanoes that many will have covered in primary school. They will learn how to locate volcanoes using latitude and longitude and develop an understanding of the forces that lead to the creation and distribution of volcanic activity across the planet. We will then look at a case study and pupils will become familiar with the nature and impacts of the eruption of Eyjafjallajökull in Iceland in 2010. The topic finishes with pupils evaluating the benefits and costs of living in volcanic areas.
Spring One		India	The topic begins with pupils developing an overview of some key physical and human geographical characteristics of India. The focus will then be the monsoon climate, where pupils will identify and explain the key features and make comparisons to the UK climate work they covered in Year 7. Pupils will then go on to evaluate the positive and negative impacts the monsoon climate has for many people in India. The second half of the topic begins with a focus on the implications of India's growing population, before focusing on the challenges and opportunities of life in Dharavi, an informal urban settlement on the outskirts of Mumbai.
Spring Two			
Summer One		Endangered planet	The final topic in Year 8 will look at a range of topical issues and challenges facing the world today. The topic will begin with pupils becoming familiar with the pressure on global resources as a result of population growth and increased levels of development across the planet. The focus then moves onto issues associated with the growth of the 'fast fashion' industry. Pupils will then spend some time investigating the impact human activity has had on the world's oceans. The topic ends with a focus on Antarctica, where pupils will explore the continent's physical geography and the human activities that could threaten its unique environment.
Summer Two			