



Marshalls Park Academy - Curriculum Overview



Subject: Geography

Year Group: 8

Curriculum/Subject Leader: KTO

Academic Year: 2023/2024

During Year 8, students will study some key topics that contain the key themes for Geography GCSE, in order to provide them with a diverse knowledge base which they can build on in year 9. Many of these topic areas contain different controversies and varying viewpoints, which will provide students with the opportunity to develop their analysis and debating skills, which in turn promotes critical thinking.

What are coastal landscapes ? To include the physical study of coasts, and how they can be managed **How are we linked to other places?** To include the causes and impacts of Globalisation as a process. **How can Earth be hazardous?** The study of basic tectonic theory with example case studies on an earthquake and a volcano, **How can Rivers change the landscape?** A study of a river's journey, to include elements of flood risk and management, **What is Asia like?** To develop an understanding of the rich diversity of the Asian continent, including a deeper study on the Middle East, as well as contrasting countries such as China and Russia, **What is South America like?** To include the physical and human Geography of the continent and challenges that exist in contrasting areas.

TERM 1	TERM 2	TERM 3
<p style="text-align: center;">KNOWLEDGE</p> <p>Key topic 1: What are coastal landscapes?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coastal processes – including erosion and weathering Coastal landforms Management strategies for coastal areas <p>Key topic 2: How are we linked to other places?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Causes of globalisation Consequences of globalisation for developed and developing countries 	<p style="text-align: center;">KNOWLEDGE</p> <p>Key topic 1: How can Earth be hazardous?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basic tectonic theory Volcano case study Earthquake case study <p>Key topic 3: How can rivers change the landscape?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> River processes Landforms found along the course of a river Flood risk and management 	<p style="text-align: center;">KNOWLEDGE</p> <p>Key topic 1: What is Asia like?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physical and human Geography of Asia Case studies of contrasting countries The Middle East region <p>Key topic 2: What is South America like?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physical and human Geography of South America Case studies of contrasting countries Challenge in the continent
<p>Skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A01 Demonstrate knowledge of locations, places, processes, environments and different scales. A02 Demonstrate geographical understanding of: Concepts and how they are used in relation to places, environments and processes. The inter-relationship between places, environments and processes A03 Apply knowledge and understanding to interpret, analyse and evaluate geographical information and issues and to make judgements. A04 Select, adapt and use a variety of skills and techniques to investigate questions and issues and communicate findings. 		
<p style="text-align: center;">KEY ASSESSMENTS</p> <p>HALF TERM 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coastal landscapes end of unit assessment – testing all skills (A01, A02, A03 and A04) to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of coasts and related case studies , to include some map skills from Year 7 	<p style="text-align: center;">KEY ASSESSMENTS</p> <p>HALF TERM 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> End of term assessment – testing all skills (A01, A02, A03 and A04) to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of Coasts, hazards and globalisation 	<p style="text-align: center;">KEY ASSESSMENTS</p> <p>HALF TERM 6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> End of year exam – testing all skills and content acquired by students throughout the entirety of year 8, with some skills that have been embedded since year 7



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Extended reading suggestions and links to external resources:

Coastal management - <https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/guides/z6qtyrd/revision/1>

Population – <https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/guides/zkg82hv/revision/1>

Plate tectonics - <https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/guides/zyhv4wx/revision/1>

Book – investigating plate tectonics (science readers) by Greg Young

Threats to the rainforest – <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/environment/habitats/rainforest-threats/>

The Middle East - <http://teachmiddleeast.lib.uchicago.edu/foundations/geography/essay/essay-01.html>

Book – World studies, the Middle East – Martha London