YEAR 9 LEARNING JOURNEY INFORMATION

GEOGRAPHY

What are the challenges and opportunities for countries in Africa?

KNOWLEDGE: We will learn about the physical and human geography of Africa and investigate the opportunities and challenges facing countries across the continent. We will explore climate, biomes, population growth and urbanisation and examine the impacts of colonialism and global connections. We will consider development, economic growth and the role of countries such as China in shaping Africa's future.

SKILL: We will focus on evaluating contrasting perspectives and using evidence to make geographical judgements. We will analyse social, economic and environmental data to understand patterns of development across Africa.

How does ice change the world?

KNOWLEDGE: We will learn how glaciers form, move and transform landscapes. We will investigate glacial erosion and deposition and explore the landforms created by ice. Using the Lake District as a case study, we will examine evidence of past glaciation and consider how people use glaciated landscapes today.

SKILL: We will focus on interpreting physical landscape evidence, maps and photographs. We will develop our ability to explain geomorphological processes and evaluate their impact on people and places.

Why is the Middle East an important region?

KNOWLEDGE: We will learn about the physical and human geography of the Middle East and investigate why it is one of the world's most significant regions. We will explore climate, water scarcity, population diversity and economic development. We will examine the development of the UAE, the challenges facing Yemen and the causes and consequences of conflict across the region.

SKILL: We will focus on analysing geographical and geopolitical issues using a range of evidence. We will develop balanced arguments and evaluate different viewpoints on key regional challenges

Are natural disasters natural?

KNOWLEDGE: We will learn what makes a natural hazard become a disaster. We will investigate global hazard patterns and examine case studies including the Haiti earthquake, tropical cyclones and flooding in Pakistan. We will consider how vulnerability, poverty and decision-making influence the impacts of natural hazards on people and places.

SKILL: We will focus on analysing case studies, interpreting hazard data and evaluating risk. We will use evidence to explain why some disasters have greater impacts than others

What is the future of our planet?

KNOWLEDGE: We will learn about climate change and its significance for the future of the Earth. We will examine evidence for climate change, investigate natural and human causes and explore the social, economic and environmental consequences. We will consider climate change in both global and UK contexts and evaluate the choices societies must make in response to this challenge.

SKILL: We will focus on interpreting climate data, assessing evidence and making informed decisions. We will evaluate different responses to climate change and justify geographical conclusions using evidence.

Geographical challenges

KNOWLEDGE: We will consolidate and extend our geographical understanding by exploring contemporary geographical challenges and preparing for GCSE Geography. We will revisit key human and physical processes, strengthen case study knowledge and apply geographical thinking to real-world issues and decision-making exercises.

SKILL: We will focus on synoptic thinking, extended analysis, evaluation and decision-making. We will draw together knowledge from across Key Stage 3 and apply it to unfamiliar geographical issues and enquiries.