

YEAR 9 LEARNING JOURNEY INFORMATION

GEOGRAPHY

Is There Such a Thing as a Natural Disaster?



Autumn Term 1

In this topic, you'll learn about the Earth's structure, plate movement, and different types of volcanoes and earthquakes. You'll study real-life examples like the Eyjafjallajökull eruption in Iceland, the Haiti earthquake, and the Boxing Day tsunami. You'll explore how wealth and preparation affect the impact of natural hazards and debate whether disasters are truly "natural" or made worse by human factors. **Skills you'll develop:** Reading maps to show hazard distribution, interpreting data on impacts, ranking causes and responses, and writing extended answers that balance physical and human factors.

How Will the Future of Our Food Supply Change?



Spring Term 2

This topic focuses on sustainability and the environmental impact of food production. You'll learn about farming in the UK, diversification, and alternatives like eating insects or genetically modified foods. You'll also explore global issues like overfishing and food miles. **Skills you'll develop:** Evaluating sources (e.g., documentaries), ranking solutions, interpreting data on food production, and forming your own opinion in extended writing.

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Industry



Summer Term 1

This topic focus on the UK's changing industry and the economy. How we will adapt in the future and the effects of globalisation on the UK. **Skills you'll develop:** Evaluating sources (e.g., documentaries), ranking solutions, interpreting data on food production, and forming your own opinion in extended writing.

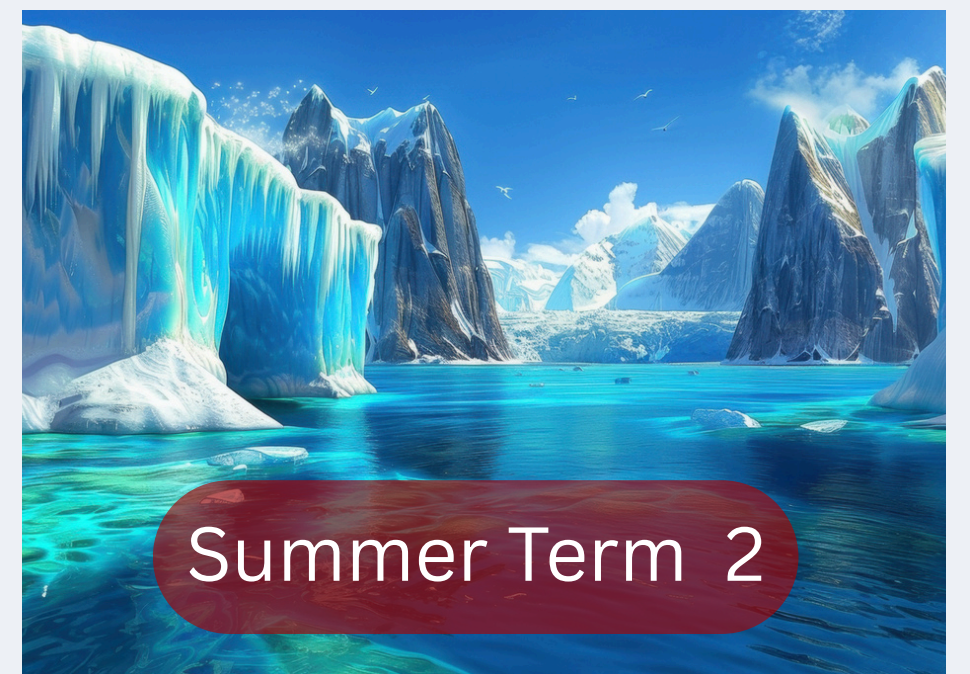
What Challenges & Opportunities Does Africa Face?



Spring Term 1

You'll discover Africa's physical features, development patterns, and how history has shaped its present. You'll look at opportunities like tourism and resource exploitation, as well as challenges such as poverty, squatter settlements, and disease. **Skills you'll develop:** Using maps and historical sources, analysing development indicators, comparing opportunities and challenges, and writing structured arguments.

How Do Glacial Landscapes Still Impact Us Today?



Summer Term 2

You'll study how glaciers shaped the UK thousands of years ago and how these landscapes still provide opportunities for tourism today. You'll learn about processes like erosion and deposition and identify landforms such as corries, arêtes, and ribbon lakes. **Skills you'll develop:** Using OS maps to identify glacial features, sequencing landform formation, interpreting physical processes, and writing evaluative answers about the benefits of glaciated landscapes.