

Year 8 Geography Curriculum Summary 2023/24

| Unit / title | Threshold concepts / core knowledge / links to previous and future learning | Formative (interim) assessment / homework | Formal assessment |
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| Our Living Planet | Students find out about the relationship between the Earth's different climate zones and the location of the major biomes. Students will focus on tropical rainforests to understand why ecosystems are under threat and what can be done to sustainably manage the rainforest. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End of topic test. • One piece of extended writing. • Key terms test. • Homework will be aligned to these interim assessments. | None. |
| Africa | Students learn about the physical and human geography of Africa. They begin by considering the implications of people's perceptions of Africa. Lessons then focus on the influence of physical geography on Africa's human geography. Finally, students compare development in different African countries. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One piece of extended writing. • Key terms test. • Homework will be aligned to these interim assessments. | Written assessment completed under exam conditions. The assessment will include short and longer answer questions and also cover geographical skills. |
| Ice on the Land | Students will learn about the processes that shape glacial landscapes. They will also identify specific erosional and depositional landforms and examine their formation. An examination of the geographical legacy of the last ice age through a case study of the Lake District. There will also be a focus of human use of glacial environments. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End of topic test. • One piece of extended writing. • Key terms test. • Homework will be aligned to these interim assessments. | None. |
| Russia | Students will learn about the physical and human geography of Russia. They consider how Russia's vast size results in different climates, biomes, population densities and cultures. They also investigate the importance of Russia in terms of global energy supply. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One piece of extended writing. • Key terms test. • Homework will be aligned to these interim assessments. | Written assessment completed under exam conditions. The assessment will include short and longer answer questions and also cover geographical skills. |
| UK Coastal Landscapes | Students will learn about the processes that shape the UK's coastal landscape. They will also identify specific coastal erosional and depositional landforms and examine their formation. Finally, students consider different approaches to coastal management. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End of topic test. • One piece of extended writing. • Key terms test. • Homework will be aligned to these interim assessments. | None. |