

Subject Overview Geography – Year 9

In Year 9, students will refine their decision making skills developed in Africa Year 8 and apply their understanding in the context of tourism. Place and space connections will be given great depth across the year in topics, such as the power of trees. Students will continue to explore the world in a greater number of context, such Mumbai, Iceland and the Middle East. An understanding of how the world influences us will be progressed through superpowers.

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| Knowledge & Skills | <p>Unit 1 Ecosystems (13 Lessons) The characteristics of different ecosystems What food chains are and how they differ Where biomes are located and why <u>Rainforests (Amazon Rainforest)</u> Features/ structure Plant Adaptations Deforestation—causes, effects and management The threats to local people and biodiversity <u>Hot environments</u> Adaptations, features and location of this biome Challenges faced and the opportunities for development in this biome</p> | <p>Unit 2 Tectonic hazards (14 Lessons) What are hazards? The structure of the Earth and plate margins Plate boundaries and their affect on hazards The features of volcanoes Case study of a volcanic eruption The challenges and benefits of living in a hazard zone What are earthquakes and how do they form? A case study of a tsunami How hazards are managed</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; background-color: #f0f0f0;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Assessment 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate change • Features of a rainforest • Impacts of deforestation </div> | <p>Unit 3 Tourism issue evaluation (12 Lessons) The location of tourist areas around the world Why tourism is important in the UK and Yorkshire What mass tourism is and the benefits and costs – Ibiza What ecotourism is and the benefits and costs – Belize <u>Decision Making</u> Making the correct decision for developing tourism in St Lucia. National Parks within the UK—where are they and the challenges they face</p> | <p>Unit 4 Superpowers (11 Lessons) What is and who are the potential superpowers Why the USA is a superpower & it influences your life How China is a superpower through investment in Africa Comparisons between the Middle East and Russia How a place can influence through oil How power is being extended through space exploration, including India’s space programme</p> | <p>Unit 5 Urban issues and challenges (12 Lessons) What urbanisation & rural-urban migration What are megacities and where they are located <u>Mumbai</u> - Location and importance - Opportunities in Mumbai - Challenges to living in Mumbai - Solutions to social and economic challenges in Mumbai (design slum presentation)</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; background-color: #f0f0f0;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Assessment 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Globalisation • Ecosystems • Tourism decision making exercise </div> | <p>Unit 6 The power of trees (12 Lessons) How trees are similar and different How trees can be used to solve UK problems, such as air pollution, flooding & climate change What the ecosystem and life is like in the savanna What the causes and impacts of desertification are How trees can be used to benefit the savanna, including case study Tree Aid</p> |
| Beyond The Curriculum | <p>Suggested visits Visit local green spaces, such as parks and nature reserves, such as Cromwell Bottom Consider the different biotic and abiotic features when on holiday</p> <p>Suggested reading</p> | <p>Suggested links Verified news outlets, such as BBC news Explore what volcanoes on Google Maps and the area around them, such as Mt Nyiragongo Google Maps</p> | <p>Suggested places to visit When going on holiday anywhere, consider whether the place is more mass, or ecotourism. Identify the human impact of tourism on the place for both people and the environment</p> | <p>Suggested reading Book – The Prisoners of geography (there is a child version) by Tim Marshall Book – The Crossing by Manjeet Mann</p> <p>Suggested links Access verified news outlets, such as BBC</p> | <p>Suggested reading Book – Slumdog Millionaire, by Vikas Swarup (also a film)</p> <p>Suggested links Explore what Mumbai looks like on Google Maps Google Maps</p> | <p>Suggested places to visit Visit local green spaces, such as parks and nature reserves, such as Cromwell Bottom Consider the different biotic and abiotic features when on holiday</p> |

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| <p>Book – Breathe by Sarah Crossan</p> <p>Suggested links Watch wildlife documentaries on platforms, such as BBC iplayer Explore what rainforests look like on Google Maps, such as the Amazon Google Maps</p> | | <p>Suggested links Explore what Ibiza, Belize and St Lucia look like on Google Maps Google Maps</p> | <p>news and key up to date on key countries taught, such as the USA, UK, China, Russia & Saudi Arabia</p> | <p>Streets of Gold: Mumbai - Series 1: Episode 1 - BBC iPlayer</p> | <p>Suggested links Watch wildlife documentaries on platforms, such as BBC iplayer Explore what the Savanna ecosystem looks like on Google Maps Google Maps</p> |
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