

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.

	Half Term 1	Half Term 2	Half Term 3	Half Term 4	Half Term 5	Half Term 6
Knowledge & Skills	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	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 Assessment 1 • Climate change • Features of a rainforest • Impacts of deforestation	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	Unit 4 Superpowers (11 Lessons) What is and who are the potential superpowers Why the USA is a superpower & the way 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	Unit 6 The power of trees (12 Lessons) 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 Assessment 2 • Globalisation • Ecosystems • Tourism decision making exercise	Unit 5 Urban issues and challenges (12 Lessons) What urbanisation is & rural-urban migration <u>Rio</u> How to define Rio's culture Location and importance Opportunities in Rio Challenges of living in Rio Solutions to social and economic challenges in Mumbai (design slum presentation) How urban planning can improve quality of life How to create the best favela
Beyond The Curriculum	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 Suggested reading	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	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	Suggested reading Book – The Prisoners of geography (there is a child version) by Tim Marshall Book – The Crossing by Manjeet Mann Suggested links Access verified news outlets, such as BBC	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	Suggested reading Book – Slumdog Millionaire, by Vikas Swarup (also a film) Suggested links Explore what Rio de Janeiro Brazil looks like on Google Maps Google Maps TV – Welcome to Rio

	Book – Breathe by Sarah Crossan 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		people and the environment Suggested links Explore what Ibiza, Belize and St Lucia look like on Google Maps Google Maps	news and key up to date on key countries taught, such as the USA, UK, China, Russia & Saudi Arabia	Suggested links Watch wildlife documentaries on platforms, such as BBC iplayer Explore what the Savanna ecosystem looks like on Google Maps Google Maps	
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