

## Year 8 “Geography curriculum of our future world”

<b>Year 8</b>					
<b>Topic/Unit title</b>	Tropical rainforests	Africa	Coasts	Russia vs India	Our planet
<b>Big Questions</b>	Why are ecosystems so important for our world?	What is the future of modern-day Africa?	What is the future of our coastline?	Are we prisoners of Geography?	How can we protect our future?
<b>Content</b>	<p>A study of the global biomes with a focus on tropical rainforests. Examining the location of the ecosystems and the differing climatic conditions. Studying the structure of rainforest, the adaptations of plants and animals within it. Highlighting the importance of the rainforest, the impact of deforestation and the need for sustainable uses of the rainforest.</p>	<p>A pupil led enquiry into misconceptions of the African continent. Pupils will choose their own hypothesis and then investigate at least two of the following; Climatic zones, ecosystems, landscape features, population growth/distribution, economy, employment structure or development indicators.</p>	<p>A study of the different process at work along our coastline and how those process shape the features seen along our regions coast. Whilst highlighting the need for coastal management and the difficult decisions that need to be made about how best to protect the coastline for the future.</p>	<p>Comparison of the two biggest countries in the world. Focusing on their physical geography – climatic zones / biomes and human geography – population distribution / growth, economy / employment structure. Finishing with a prediction of what does the future hold for Russia?</p>	<p>Are we destroying our world? What can we do to protect our future?</p> <p>A study on the issue of climate change and ocean pollution. Focusing on the opportunities for mitigation and adaptation in order to secure a safer future.</p>
<b>Common assessments</b>	Ecosystems test - Pupils will be given revision advice and homework set to complete revision prior to a written test in lesson time.	Writing burst - Pupils will answer an open question allowing them to show their knowledge and understanding of what they have learnt in previous lessons.	Coastal test - Pupils will be given revision advice and homework set to complete revision prior to a written test in lesson time.	Writing burst - Pupils will answer an open question allowing them to show their knowledge and understanding of what they have learnt in previous lessons.	End of year exam - Pupils will be given revision advice and homework set to complete revision prior to a written test in lesson time.
<b>Geographical / fieldwork skills</b>	Fieldwork virtual	Enquiry skills	Fieldwork unseen data	GIS Map interpretation Enquiry skills Development data	Local fieldwork