

Geography YEAR PLANNER (LTP) – YEAR 8

Term	Learning content/skills	Assessment Schedule*	Home Learning Support (How students can extend learning in addition to homework)
Autumn 1	Plates and Earthquakes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main rock types and their formation • Structure of the earth , plates and plate boundaries • Location and cause of earthquakes 	End of Unit exam	Use the USGS site to identify recent earthquakes from maps Use BBC bitesize KS3 geography – plates and earthquake activities, class clips Watch news /read newspapers of current earthquakes
Autumn 2	Climate and Tropical Rainforests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review climate and weather ideas • Drawing and comparing climate graphs • Location and key features of Tropical rainforests 	Mid unit exam	Watch weather reports about UK weather and climate Use BBC bitesize section on Biomes, activities + video clips TV documentaries or DVD's about rainforests eg David Attenborough series
Spring 1	Extreme Environments and Hot deserts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are extreme environments • Location and key features of desert climate • Adaptations of desert vegetation and animals 	End of unit exam	Use BBC bitesize section on Biomes, activities + video clips TV documentaries on hot deserts
Spring 2	Changing Coastal Environments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coastal processes that change the landscape • Impacts of coastal change on people • Managing coastal change 	Mid unit assessment	Use BBC bitesize KS3 geography to review key terms / processes and features Watch news / read newspaper reports of current coastal storms and impacts on people Discuss and identify features on trips to the coast
Summer 1	School Enquiry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of environmental issues in the school grounds • Data collection and presentation techniques • Data analysis and evaluation of solutions 	Literacy assessment of analysis / conclusion letter	Ask parents, family, friends to suggest ideas to improve damaged landscapes or to evaluate students own ideas
Summer 2	Exam skills and Revision skills and Environments and Conservation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of revision techniques from Year 7 and exam techniques • Identification of environmental issues in the UK and how they are managed 	End of year Exam	Revision from BBC Bite Size Rainforest Environments BBC Bite Size Coastal Management Discuss family trips to the Peak District or other National Parks or similar site linked to National Trust– issues and management strategies