Geography Curriculum Overview
Key Stage 3 – Year 6

What is Geography

Students learn the very basics about what it means to be a good geographer. This will include some introduction to the basic skills, such as atlas work and basic locational knowledge. Furthermore, students will be assessed on their understanding of foundational concepts that will be revisited in subsequent topics.

Map Skills

Students will learn to make sketches of physical features, use simple maps and atlases and describe and explain patterns and processes. Students learn to make sketches of physical features, use ordinance survey (OS) maps and atlases and will be introduced to geographical information systems (GIS).

Glaciation

Students learn about the human and physical Geography in cold environments. They will cover topics such as the adaptations of plants and animals in polar regions and the effects of tourism in Svalbard. This unit will be particularly focused on supporting student literacy skills which will support students in meeting extended writing expectations.

Tropical Rainforests

Students will learn about the physical and human Geography of the tropical rainforest biome. Here they will become familiar with the layers of the rainforest and practice geographical skills, such as drawing climate graphs. They will be introduced to some of the environmental and political problems that threaten this unique area of the world.

China

Students will learn about the human and physical Geography of China. We shall be looking at topics such as climate zones, population, superpower status and economic development. Students will develop their geographical skills via practicing and describing different types of geographical information such as population pyramids.

China Project

Building on knowledge gained from earlier on the year, students will complete a group project about the human and physical Geography of China. They shall focus on a specific area of enquiry and gain expert knowledge on that particular area before presenting their findings to the class.