



St Benedict's Catholic School

The Catholic Secondary School for West Suffolk

Geography Curriculum Guide

Year 9

Autumn Taught Content

Population

Pupils learn about the staggering growth in global population, and what impact our growing population has on the natural world. Pupils learn how governments try to control population growth through contemporary case studies of Japan and India and how demographics can be an indicator of development.

Oceans

Pupils are becoming more curious about their effect on the oceans through plastic waste as highlighted in David Attenborough's Blue Planet II. This topic aims to teach pupils about oceans and link the terrestrial knowledge and understanding to the marine environment. Pupils will learn about delicate marine ecosystems, the Great Garbage Patch and stewardship.

Spring Taught Content

Globalisation and Tourism

This unit aims to build upon pupil's own connections with the rest of the world and to demonstrate that the world is interconnected. Economic, social, cultural and environmental aspects of globalisation are taught and pupils are encouraged to critically evaluate its impacts on the UK and LEDCs, MEDCs through case studies of Malawi and Singapore. Pupils take part in role plays simulating manufacturing in Special Economic Zones in China and the trade in commodities. This unit introduces pupils to a complex and challenging topic which will help them to understand and explain the world around them.

Overview of Landscapes of the UK

This unit aims to give pupils the knowledge and understanding about the UK ready for their next stage of learning. Pupils learn about distinctive landscapes and how they were formed. Pupils investigate how geology informs scientists about the environments that must have once existed in the UK

Summer Taught Content

Coastal Landscapes

This unit teaches pupils about coastal processes and landforms and applies them to a new case study of the Dawlish Warren spit. Pupils also learn about coastal management, adaptation and mitigation. In year 10 this topic is revisited as pupils visit Walton-on-the-Naze to complete coastal fieldwork.

Rivers

Pupils develop their understanding of key processes and landforms and apply their understanding to the River Dee. Pupils also learn about river management, flood hydrographs and the impacts of flooding.

Assessment

There are 2 assessments per half-term, the first is a marked piece of work, it could be a poster, presentation or a written answer. The second is a more formal end of unit exam.

Homework Expectations

Homework is set every 2 weeks.

Reading List

	Support	Stretch	Challenge
Population	"Hidden" – Miriam Halaamy Population and Settlement by Izzi Howell	"How Population Change Will Transform Our World" - Sarah Harper	"Factfulness: Ten Reasons We're Wrong About The World - And Why Things Are Better Than You Think" - Hans Rosling
Oceans	"Odious Oceans"- Anita Ganeri (Horrible Geography)	"World without Fish" - Mark Kurlansky	The Ecology Book: Big Ideas Simply Explained - Tony Juniper
Globalisation	Globalisation: What's it All About? by Ben Ballin, Graham Butt, et al.	The New Silk Roads: The Present and Future of the World by Peter Frankopan	"Divided: Why We're Living in an Age of Walls"- Tim Marshall
Geology	Geology for Kids: A Junior Scientist's Guide to Rocks,	"Freaky Peaks"- Anita Ganeri	The Geology of Britain: An Introduction

	Minerals, and the Earth Beneath Our Feet Paperback – Illustrated, 8 Sept. 2020 by Meghan Vestal	(Horrible Geography)	by Peter Toghill
Coasts	“Cracking Coasts”- Anita Ganeri (Horrible Geography)	Rivers and Coasts by Izzi Howell	Coastal Management: Global Challenges and Innovations by R. R. Krishnamurthy, M. P. Jonathan, et al.
Rivers	“Raging Rivers”- Anita Ganeri (Horrible Geography)	Rivers and Coasts by Izzi Howell	Taming the Flood: Rivers, Wetlands and the Centuries-Old Battle Against Flooding by Jeremy Purseglove

Extra and Super Curricular Opportunities

Pupils are welcomed to the Davis Attenborough documentary club during lunchtimes. During Activities Week pupils are given the opportunity to visit Colchester Zoo, The National History Museum and an activity day at a local Wildlife Trust.