

Geography Department

Year 7

Topic: What is geography all about?

Learning Journey

Prior learning: This is the first unit of year 7 and as such there is no prior learning that has taken place at KS3. A baseline test will be sat at the start of the unit to help ascertain the level of geographical knowledge and understanding acquired at KS2.

Learning sequence – topic title							Endpoint
Main learning steps	Students are introduced to the subject of geography and the key topics which make up the discipline.	Students undertake a brief study of the history and anatomy of Planet Earth.	Students examine the key processes involved in the formation of rocks and soils.	Students develop their sense of place at a global scale by mapping key places.	Students develop their sense of place across the UK, building in key skills of contour lines, distance and scale.	Students develop their sense of place at a local scale, building in key skills of compass points, map symbols and grid references.	Students will understand what geography entails and be familiar with some of the key skills and themes that underpin the discipline. They will also develop their sense of place at a range of scales.
Assessment	Students will complete a short baseline				After each skills based lesson, students will		End of unit test focused on geographical

	<p>test with questions focused on KS2 curriculum to see what they have learnt. This will assess their knowledge of place, terminology as well as skills and literacy. Marked by subject teacher with a score out of 40 used to determine baseline descriptor.</p>				<p>be given a short quiz related to the skill being developed which can then be self assessed. This will help to ascertain the extent to which they have grasped this skill.</p>		<p>skills – this will test their ability to apply direction, scale, grid refencing and map reading. Marked by subject teacher.</p>
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Where will we use these ideas again: *The central geographical skills studied in this unit will be referenced throughout the whole of the KS3 and KS4 curriculum. In addition ideas linked to Earth's structure will be important later in the year when it comes to studying the unit on Earthquakes and Volcanos..*