



Armfield Academy – Department of Geography – Key Stage 3

Year 8 Curriculum Overview



Half Term 1				
Date	Enquiry Question(s) – How is Blackpool's coast being protected? / What value do the worlds tropical rainforests hold?			
	Learning Questions			
Week 1	What is the coast?		What erosion occurs along the coast?	
Week 2	How do different types of waves work?		How does longshore drift work in Blackpool?	
Week 3	How does hard engineering protect the coastline?		How does soft engineering protect the coastline?	
Week 4	What issues might Blackpool face in the future?		What can be done to reduce Blackpool's flood risk?	
Week 5	Application Time: How is Blackpool's coast being protected?		End of Enquiry Assessment	
Week 6	Feedback	What are ecosystems and biomes?	What is a tropical rainforest and where are they located?	
Week 7	How are plants adapted to survive in a tropical rainforest?		What are the causes of deforestation in Costa Rica?	
Half Term 2				
Date	Enquiry Question(s) – What value do the worlds tropical rainforests hold? / How do the characteristics of ecosystems vary globally?			
	Learning Questions			
Week 1	Why is sustainability important in Costa Rica?		Application Time: What value do the tropical rainforests hold?	
Week 2	End of Enquiry Assessment		Feedback	What is a deciduous woodland?
Week 3	How do food chains in a deciduous woodland survive?		What is rewilding? (1)	
Week 4	What is rewilding? (2)		Application Time: How do the characteristics of ecosystems vary globally?	
Week 5	What are deserts?		How have animals adapted to survive in the desert?	
Week 6	How have plants adapted to live in the desert?		Desert Case Study (Gobi)	
Week 7	Application Time: How do the characteristics of ecosystems vary globally?		What is tundra?	
Half Term 3				
Date	Enquiry Question(s) – How do the characteristics of ecosystems vary globally? / How is the population of the world managed?			
	Learning Questions			
Week 1	How are animals adapted to survive in the tundra?		Tundra Case Study (Svalbard)	
Week 2	Tundra Case Study (Svalbard)		Application Time: How do the characteristics of ecosystems vary globally?	
Week 3	End of Enquiry Assessment		Feedback	What is population density and distribution?
Week 4	Where are the fastest growing megacities located?		What is the purpose of population pyramids?	
Week 5	What issue does overpopulation create?		How have countries attempted to deal with over population?	
Week 6	Mid-Year Review		Mid-Year Review	
Half Term 4				
Date	Enquiry Question(s) – How is the population of the world managed? / Is the geography of Russia a curse or a benefit?			
	Learning Questions			
Week 1	How did China manage overpopulation?		Why does migration occur?	
Week 2	What will the population structure be by 2100?		Application Time: How is the population of the world managed?	
Week 3	End of Enquiry Assessment		Feedback	What is the physical landscape of Russia like?
Week 4	Why is Russia's climate so cold?		Why is Russia's population so sparse?	
Week 5	Does geography help or hinder the Russian economy?		Why is Russia a global threat?	
Half Term 5				
Date	Enquiry Question(s) – Is the geography of Russia a curse or a benefit? / Which energy type is more sustainable?			
	Learning Questions			
Week 1	Application Time: Is the geography of Russia a curse or a benefit?		End of Enquiry Assessment	
Week 2	Feedback	What are the different types of energy?	How is the world consuming energy?	
Week 3	Why is the UK so dependent on non-renewable energy?		Where in the UK produces solar energy?	
Week 4	Why is Morecambe Bay used to generate wind energy?		Why does the UK use hydro-electric power?	
Week 5	Why was Blackpool chosen as a fracking site?		Why has the UK moved towards nuclear energy?	
Week 6	Application Time: Which energy type is more sustainable? (DME)		End of Enquiry Assessment	
Half Term 6				
Date	Enquiry Question(s) – What impact does the tourism industry have on the world? / How do countries manage their food supply?			
	Learning Questions			
Week 1	Feedback	What are the different types of tourism?	What impact does mass tourism have on Spain?	
Week 2	How can eco-tourism benefit Antarctica?		Why is voluntourism used in the Seychelles?	
Week 3	Why do tourists visit Turkey for new teeth?		Should tourism continue on Mount Everest?	
Week 4	Application Time: What impact does the tourism industry have on the world?		End of Enquiry Assessment	
Week 5	Feedback	Where do HICs import their food from?	Why do countries require more food production?	
Week 6	How can countries improve their food supply?		What are sustainable farming techniques?	
Week 7	How does South Africa manage its food supply?		End of Enquiry Assessment	Feedback
Week 8	End of Year Review		End of Year Quiz	