



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