

Year 6 to 7 Geography

Dear Year 6 Students,

In this document is some information that you may wish to look at ahead of next year. There is no expectation to do this, but I am sure some of you are looking forward to getting started or may even want to see what we will be learning about first in Geography!

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Year 7	United Kingdom	China	Middle East
Year 8	Russia	Brazil	UK Weather and Climate
Year 9	USA	Iceland	Into Africa

Some useful things you may wish to look at over the Summer Holidays:

Watching Documentaries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chasing Ice • Blue Planet • Planet Earth • Life • Seven Worlds One Planet • Horizons: We need to talk about population • National Geographic 	Explore the following websites: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BBC Bitesize • Geoguessr • Google Maps • Gapminder • Kids World Travel Guide • World Atlas • Earthtime.org • National Geographic • Twitter: @BCGeogDept 	Read the following books: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Place by Mark Cocker • Adventures of a young naturalist by David Attenborough • Prisoners of Geography by Tim Marshall • Population & Development – Tim Dyson • Factfulness by Hans Rosling • Adventures through the Anthropocene by Gaia Vince
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The United Kingdom– The first topic studied in Year 7 Geography

In this unit you will learn some of the foundation geographical skills you will need throughout your time in Geography. You will also learn about some local and national geography whilst studying the Geography of the United Kingdom.



Useful Websites:

- BBC Bitesize –Geography – Rivers of the UK- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zs92tfr>
- BBC Bitesize – Geography - Development and the UK - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zvwtbkb>
- BBC Bitesize – Geography –Geographical Skills - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zm38q6f>
- Kids Travel Guide – United Kingdom - <https://www.kids-world-travel-guide.com/uk-facts.html>
- National Geographic – United Kingdom - <https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/explore/countries/united-kingdom/>
- Bishop Challoner Geography Twitter - [@BCGeogDept](#)

Useful documentaries / videos:

- The River Severn from source to mouth - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_M48ANM3hAQ
- BBC Bitesize Rivers - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zs92tfr/resources/1>
- BBC Bitesize Development - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zvwtbkb/resources/1>
- BBC Bitesize Sir David Attenbrough - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zw7vtrd>

First lessons in Year 7:

1. What is Geography?
2. How does Geography influence me and my identity?
3. What human and physical features make up the United Kingdom?
4. Where is the United Kingdom?
5. How developed is the United Kingdom?
6. What are the major rivers of the United Kingdom?

Key Stage 3 Geography Core Knowledge – September 2020

Having good basic geographical knowledge will help you understand more of the difficult topics and concepts that we will learn about in Geography lessons.

Year Group	Question	Answers
7	What are the 7 continents of the world?	The seven continents of the world are Antarctica, Africa, Asia, Australasia, Europe, North America and South America
	What is the European Union?	The European Union is a group of 28 countries whose governments work together politically and economically. The countries are predominantly in Europe.
	What countries make up the UK?	The countries that make up the UK are: England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.
	Who is the Prime Minister of the UK?	Boris Johnson is the Prime Minister of the UK.
	What is the capital of England, N. Ireland, Wales, Scotland?	The capital of England is London, N. Ireland is Belfast, Wales is Cardiff and Scotland is Edinburgh.
	What is human geography the study of?	Human Geography is the study of how human activity affects or is influenced by the Earth's surface.
	What is physical geography the study of?	Physical Geography is the study of the natural processes of the earth such as climate and plate tectonics.
	Where Birmingham is on a map?	Birmingham is located in the centre of the West Midlands in England.
	What is the longest river in the UK?	The longest river in the UK is the River Severn.
	What is the tallest mountain in the UK?	The tallest mountain in the UK is Ben Nevis which is located in Scotland.
	What is flooding?	A flood is an overflow of water from a river that submerges land that is usually dry.

What is a HIC?	HIC stands for High Income Country and is a country with a strong economy.
What is a LIC?	LIC stands for Low Income Country and is a country with a poorer economy.
What is development?	Development is a process that creates growth, progress and positive change in the economy, environment and demography of a country.
How can development be measured?	Development can be measured using development indicators. These measures take into consideration both economic and social factors.
What is weather?	Weather is the state of the atmosphere at any given time, it describes the changes in conditions over short periods of time.
What is climate?	Climate is the average conditions you would expect for an area or a season over a period of time.
Where is the Middle East on a map?	The Middle East is a geographical region located mainly in western Asia but also in parts of northern Africa and south eastern Europe.
Where is China on a map?	China is located in the east of Asia along the Pacific Ocean and it is bordered by 16 countries. China is to the south of Mongolia.
What is the capital of China?	The capital of China is Beijing.
What does rural mean?	A rural area or the countryside is an area that is located outside of towns and cities.
What does urban mean?	An urban area is a built up area often a town or a city.
What is an ecosystem?	An ecosystem is all the plants and animals that live in a particular area together with the environment.