



# Year 7 **GEOGRAPHY**

# **Topic Titles**

- What is my place in the United Kingdom?
- How do I use skills to investigate the world around me?
- What challenges do volcanoes present?
- How sustainable is the High School Leckhampton?
- What is the importance of river landscapes?
- What role does Russia play in the world?

#### Intent

We believe that a high-quality Geography education should inspire a curiosity and fascination about the world and its people that will remain with students for the rest of their lives. Our curriculum will equip students with knowledge about diverse places, people, resources and natural and human environments, together with a deep understanding of the Earth's key physical and human processes.

As students progress, their growing knowledge about the world underpinned by a focus on place, should help them to deepen their understanding of the interaction between physical and human processes, and of the formation and use of landscapes and environments. Geographical knowledge, understanding and skills provide the frameworks and approaches that explain how the Earth's features at different scales are shaped, interconnected and change over time.

## Links with other subjects

History – the world as it used to be, can be a fantastic subject for demonstrating change over time.

Biology – studies of natural processes often require knowledge of biological concepts e.g. nutrient cycling.

Art - Geographers need to be able to display

ideas in coherent ways that allow others to access them

Maths – coordinates, graphing, data manipulation are all core skills of Geography.

English – the ability to express ideas clearly is vital for success in the subject.

### How will knowledge and skills be taught?

Our topic choices are framed as 'Big Questions', which are then broken into smaller sub-questions to allow students to investigate natural landscapes and processes and human activities.

A wide variety of teaching activities will support students to be inquisitive, ask questions and find answers about the world around them.

Skills are taught embedded throughout the curriculum, so a lesson about the UK's climate may involve a range of maths skills e.g., graphing and data manipulation.

Map skills are taught near to the beginning of the year, so that they can be used throughout. Choropleth mapping, climate graphing, fieldwork skills, data presentation, use of Geographical Information Systems and data analysis are all key skills taught.

### How can parents help?

Discuss with students the wide-range of contemporary affairs that are seen in the news, asking students questions about their opinions.

Encourage students to watch documentaries about both the natural world and the human environments.

When out of the house, encourage students to take in their surroundings

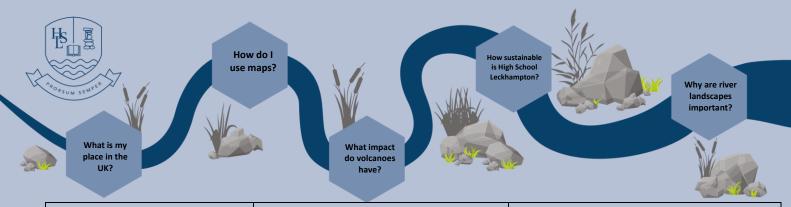
When out of the house, encourage students to take in their surroundings and observe how places differ.

If possible, take students on day-trips to the Natural History Museum (London), the coastline (anywhere in the UK), to mountainous locations (Brecon Beacons, Peak District, Lake District). Encourage students to study a globe or an Atlas to improve place knowledge. Support students with homework, checking quality and ensuring that the students re-draft if necessary.

### Recommended Reading and Preparation for Learning

Prisoners of Geography – Tim Marshall The Power of Geography – Tim Marshall Brilliant Maps: An Atlas for Curious Minds – Ian Wright Rainforest: Dispatches from Earth's Most Vital Frontlines – Tony Juniper Factfulness - Hans Rosling

> Play map games at the following: https://www.geoguessr.com/seterra/en https://worldle.teuteuf.fr/ https://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/mapzone/



Subject: Geography Year Group: Year 7 Term: Autumn

Module/Theme: What is my place within the United Kingdom?

#### Topic Outline & Aims (Intent)

To give students a contextual understanding of their country and local environment, to create a platform from which to understand their place in the world. This is the first of a 3-part theme, which will expand to 'My place in Europe' at the start of Y8 and 'My place in the world' at the start of Y9. Together, these topics will continuously ground our students and allow them to explore the concept of place within Geography and feelings of belonging.

#### Key Skills and Knowledge taught through this topic: (Intent)

Students will be taught a range of skills in this topic, introducing them to climate graphing, choropleth mapping, and how to analyse data so that they can draw conclusions using evidence.

Students will be taught the difference between Human and Physical Geography, to help them understand the natural and built environments of the UK. We consider the climate of the country, the impact of migration on everyone, look at how the UK is administered politically, and students have chance to revisit the key landscapes of the UK.

#### **Prior Learning:** (Context)

KS2: Locational knowledge - name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans, name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the

United Kingdom and its surrounding seas Place knowledge - understand geographical similarities and differences through studying the human and physical geography of a small area of the United Kingdom, and of a small area in a contrasting non-European country

#### **Future Learning: (Context)**

KS3: Place theme throughout KS3 will ground student's place identity.

KS4: AQA - 8035

3.1.3 - Physical Landscapes of the UK

3.2.3 - Economic World

#### National Curriculum Links: (Context)

- Location and Place Knowledge.
- Physical Geography Weather and Climate of the UK
- Human Geography Population
- Geographical Skills- introduction to data analysis.

#### **RRSA Links:**

7 – Name and Nationality

8 - Identity

#### **British Values Links:**

What does it mean to be a UK resident? Who are the British?

#### **Eco Schools Links:**

Importance of protecting natural landscapes.

#### **Assessment of Learning:** (Impact)

Students will be assessed on their ability to complete a climate graph. They will be assessed on their place knowledge of the country. They will have an end of topic test which acts in a summative manner to understand student knowledge retention of key ideas. Students will be required to analyse a contemporary issue – Migration.

#### Reading / Enrichment

https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/geography/countries/article/united-kingdom

https://www.geoguessr.com/seterra/en/vgp/3146 -

#### **Map Game for English counties**

https://www.geoguessr.com/seterra/en/vgp/3248 -

#### **Map Game for Physical Features**

https://www.geoguessr.com/seterra/en/vgp/3105 -

Map Game for British Towns and Cities.

# Key Vocabulary: (Literacy) Population Numeracy Opportunities:

Sparsely

Densely

United

Kingdom

Climate

Weather

Migrant

Refugee

Asylum Seeker

Relief Rainfall Ocean How to create and use graphs – especially dual axis graphs.

Data analysis skills – including manipulation of data.

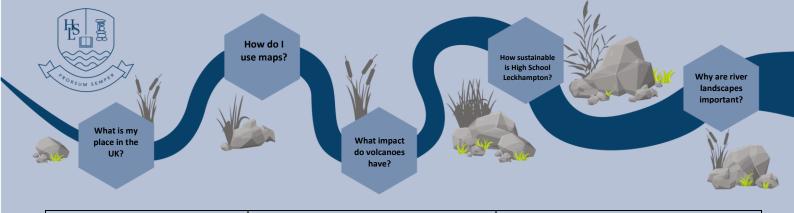
#### Career Links:

Politician (local or national)

Civil Service

**Environment Agency** 

Town Planner



Subject: Geography Year Group: Year 7 Term: Autumn to Spring

Module/Theme: Geographical Skills – How do I use Maps?

#### Topic Outline & Aims (Intent)

To give students a clear understanding of how to use Ordnance Survey maps to understand the world around them. The range of skills that students will learn through this topic will be applicable to their Geographical studies throughout the remainder of the education and beyond. The skills will allow students to complete Duke of Edinburgh expeditions as well as accessing information about place using a range of different maps. In this topic students will begin to understand Geographical Information Systems, where data is applied to maps digitally to aid understanding of place characteristics.

#### **Key Skills and Knowledge taught through this topic:** (Intent)

Students will be taught a range of mapping skills in this topic, with a focus on being able to use maps in a confident and accurate manner. Beginning with a recap of using grid references (both 4 and 6 figure varieties) students will progress to interpreting contours to understand the relief and gradient of slopes, measuring distance, making use of directions (16 point compass), deciphering the meaning of map symbols. Students will begin to understand what GIS is and how to use GIS technologies, to understand the meaning of place.

#### **Prior Learning:** (Context)

KS2: Geographical Skills
Use the eight points of a compass, four and six-figure grid references, symbols and key (including the use of Ordnance Survey maps) to build their knowledge of the United Kingdom and the wider world Use fieldwork to observe, measure, record and present the human and physical features in the local area using a range of methods, including sketch maps, plans and graphs, and digital technologies

#### **Future Learning:** (Context)

KS3: Map skills are embedded throughout the Geography curriculum, with maps used in each topic to help students contextualise their studies. Skills are consistently revisited to ensure proficiency.

KS4: AQA – 8035

3.3.1 - Geographical Skills.

#### National Curriculum Links: (Context)

#### Geographical Skills:

- Interpret Ordnance Survey maps in the classroom and the field, including using grid references and scale, topographical and other thematic mapping, and aerial and satellite photographs
- Use Geographical Information Systems (GIS) to view, analyse and interpret places and

#### **RRSA Links:**

6 – Life, Survival and
Development (Map skills may
be needed in a life/death
situation)

28 – Right to an education.

#### **British Values Links:**

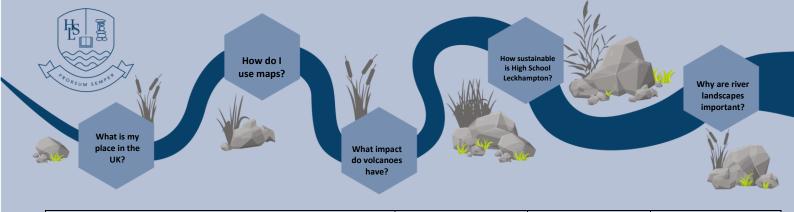
Use of GIS to understand differences between communities in the UK.

#### **Eco Schools Links:**

Map and navigation skills help to promote walking over driving, which is helpful for the environment.

#### **Assessment of Learning: (Impact)**

Students will be assessed on their ability to use all of the map skills they have been taught to complete a route map and commentary for a pre-determined route. They will be expected to use accurate 6 figure grid references, record distance, relief and gradient, use accurate directions to 16-points, and interpret symbols to understand geographical features of place.



https://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/mapz one/ Skills games and information.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xkzX YWDm9OE&list=PLJp4yCtYcXprknSY FAUp WG5ZbDwHmfY7 - O.S videos explaining map skills.

# **Key Vocabulary:** (Literacy)

Northing Easting Ordnance Survey Satellite Navigation Compass Distance Relief Gradient **Grid Reference** Photo Analysis Orientation GIS-Geographical Information System Choropleth Мар Trend

Anomaly

# Numeracy Opportunities:

Using scale requires a range of maths to be used, include reference to ratio to understand scale.

Measuring distance accurately.

Data analysis skills —

Data analysis skills – using GIS to present information particularly using ARCGIS

#### **Career Links:**

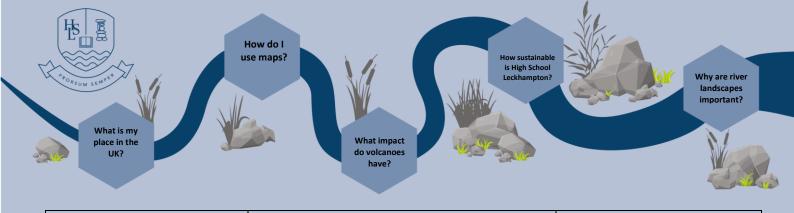
Cartographer

Insurance mapping

**Environment Agency** 

Statistician for Census (Civil Service)

Town Planner



Subject: Geography Year Group: Year 7 Term: Spring Term – Term 3

Module/Theme: What impact do volcanoes have?

#### Topic Outline & Aims (Intent)

To give students a clear understanding of tectonic processes that shape the landscapes of Earth and how volcanoes present challenges for communities around the world. This topic will encourage students to assess why people continue to live in hazardous environments and is the first of a 3-part theme that runs throughout the KS3 Geography curriculum introducing hazardous natural phenomenon. In Year 8 students will examine the impact of Earthquakes, whilst in Year 9, they will look at Hurricane hazards.

#### Key Skills and Knowledge taught through this topic: (Intent)

Introducing to students the use of case-studies and their 3 part structure (cause, effect, response). Encouraging students to be able to use evidence when arguing a perspective and being able to critically analyse how volcanoes impact communities and how effectively people around the world respond to them. There will be theoretical discussion of geology, with differences between destructive, constructive & conservative boundaries. Discussion of theories of plate movements. Types of volcanoes, composite, cone, shield, hot-spot and super volcanoes will be looked at. Introductions to volcanic hazards e.g. Pyroclastic Flows, Lahars, Volcanic bombs. Introduction to the science behind volcanology, so that students understand how volcanoes are monitored. Examination of 2 case-studies, one in a HIC and one in an LIC (Eyjafjallajökull - Iceland, and Fuego – Guatemala).. Examination of the likely impact of super volcanic eruptions and the future of society should Yellowstone ever erupt.

# Prior Learning: (Context)

Human and physical geography describe and understand key aspects of: physical geography, including: climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts, rivers, mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes, and the water cycle

#### **Future Learning:** (Context)

KS3: Human and physical geography understand, through the use of detailed place-based exemplars at a variety of scales, the key processes in: physical geography relating to: geological timescales and plate tectonics; rocks, weathering and soils; weather and climate, including the change in climate from the Ice Age to the present; and glaciation, hydrology and coasts.

#### KS4: AQA - 8035

3.1.1 – The challenge of natural hazards

#### **National Curriculum Links:**

(Context)

#### **Geographical Skills:**

Interpreting data to be able to perform analysis of the severity of volcanic eruptions.

Ability to analysis photography for

Comparing case-studies to determine how effectively they have been handled by communities/governments.

#### **RRSA Links:**

6 – Life, Survival and Development 22 – Refugee children (from displacement by natural hazard 24 – Health, water, food and the environment

#### **British Values Links:**

n/a

#### **Eco Schools Links:**

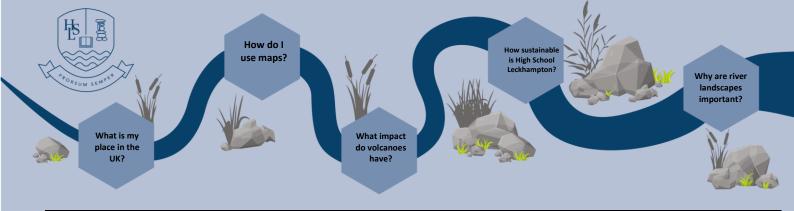
How can communities be rebuilt after disaster with sustainability in mind?

#### **Assessment of Learning: (Impact)**

Students will be assessed on their ability to explain different plate boundaries, their ability to describe the impacts of a variety of volcanic hazards, how different eruptions cause different consequences.

There is a school-based exam in this topic, to be completed in class under supervised conditions, with a mixture of knowledge recall questions, explanations of processes and analysis of the severity.

Students are encouraged to conscientiously prepare for this exam.



Reading / Enrichment:

<u>'Earthstorm' Volcanoes (episode 2) – Netflix</u>

<u>Seneca Learning – Volcanoes</u>

**BBC Bitesize – Volcanoes** 

https://www.nationalgeographic.com/environment/article/volcanoes

Volcanoes & Earthquakes: (Paperback)

Chiara Maria Petrone (author), Roberto Scandone (author), Alex

Whittaker (author) ISBN: 9780565092634

Visit to the Natural History Museum in London.

**Key Vocabulary:** (Literacy)

Active:

Dormant:

Extinct:

Composite Volcano:

Super volcanoes:

Pyroclastic Flow:

Lahar:

Shield Volcano: Hot Spot Volcano

Magma

Numeracy Opportunities:

Use of data to interpret the severity of volcanic eruptions.

Understanding of seismology, use of seismographs to measure ferocity of earthquakes,

VEI – volcanic explosivity scale.

**Career Links:** 

Disaster relief charities

Civil Service – disaster management with foreign consulates

Volcanologists