

Curriculum Description – KS3 Geography

Geography at Woodlands is designed to help pupils make sense of the world in which they live. Each pupil will begin to answer some of the questions which affect the world today as well as investigate the social, economic and physical forces & processes which shape the world.

They will develop a whole range of skills including: graphical, cartographical, literacy & numeracy, interpersonal (through debate and discussion), problem solving and decision making skills.

The course will allow the opportunity for personalised and independent learning, leading pupils to gain a clear overall view of the world where they will study some of the major issues faced by people in the first part of the 21st century.

They will be given opportunities to work in a variety of settings including in small groups or individually. They will work both within the classroom as well as outdoors around the school and during fieldwork activities.

Throughout the study of the subject pupils will have opportunities to develop skills in Locating & understanding places, environments, processes and patterns. They will also use maps, photographs and a variety of other sources of data to identify and analyse differences between places and/or changes over time. They will learn to analyse data by studying different types of graphs and charts which they will sort, sequence, classify and rank in order allowing them to identify trends and patterns.

Pupils will be given access to a wide range of Geographical sources including maps, atlases, Google Earth, photographs the OS web site, aerial photographs alongside a whole range of others to locate places and to identify characteristics and patterns of different areas being studied. Alongside this they will be given opportunities to create their own sketch maps that locate places and features.

They will answer questions by producing structured responses in extended writing tasks. They will research issues and be given opportunities to hold debates in class in order to develop communication skills and to demonstrate an understanding of different points of view.

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Geography lessons will cover a range of topics which fall mainly under four main sections:

Section 1 Physical environments:

- Rivers: features, processes and flood risk
- Coasts: features, processes and management
- Earthquakes and volcanoes
- features, processes and management
- Tropical rainforests: features, processes and management
- Weather patterns

Section 2 Human Environments

- Population: structure, change and management
- Settlements: characteristics, change and management
- Cities: characteristics, change and management
- Urban transport: journeys, flows and management
- Work: characteristics and change
- Leisure and Tourism
- Industry: types, structures and change

Section 3 Global environments

- Natural environment
- Climate change
- Energy sources and use
- Water supply and use
- Global tourism
- Development and inequalities
- Trade and Aid
- Changing farming systems
- Manufacturing, people and pollution

Section 4 Geographical skills & Case studies

- Map skills
- Study of UK
- Study of India
- Graph/statistical skills
- Study of Country of choice