




Year 8 GEOGRAPHY

Key Learning		Pre-Exposure Tasks	Linked Fiction
Autumn 1	Ecosystems Investigate the major biomes and ecosystems of the world. Look at the Savannah Biome of Africa and the Tropical Rainforest. Learn about the physical and human features of each ecosystem and the plants and animals inhabited in each ecosystem.	Ecosystems revision Create a glossary of 15 key ecosystem terms. Global biomes - KS3 Geography - BBC Bitesize Identify 3 different biomes found around the world. Describe what they look like and how the plants and animals interact.	 The Explorer Katherine Rundell
Autumn 2	The Challenges and Opportunities facing Africa Study the physical and human geography of Africa. Explore Africa's colonial history. Carry out an investigation into the challenges facing the continent and the opportunities for Africa to develop and change.	Research an African country: the location; the climate; the population. BBC NEWS Country Profiles What is Global Warming? How and why does it happen?	The Explorer Katherine Rundell
Spring 1	Coasts Learn about the different types of waves: destructive and constructive. Consider the impact of weathering and erosion on the coast: cliffs and wave-cut platforms, headlands and bays, caves, arches, stacks and stumps. Explore the process and impact of longshore drift on the coastline and the formation of beaches, spits and bars. Study the effects of coastal recession on people and the environment.	Coasts revision Create a glossary of 15 key coastal terms. Coastal landscapes in the UK - GCSE Geography Revision - AQA - BBC Bitesize Identify 5 different landforms found on the coast. Describe what they look like and explain how they are formed within the river.	 The Weather Weaver Tamsin Mori
Spring 2	Economic Geography Study economic activities and what they are like at different scales, from local to global. Consider different sectors of employment; trade and how it has become global; how the UK economy has developed and links with the rest of the world.	Research the global trading market. Which countries trade the most and what goods are they trading? Define the 'tertiary sector'. How many people work in this sector in the UK? Why is it so important to the UK?	The Weather Weaver Tamsin Mori
Summer 1	Glaciation Study glaciation and how ice changes the world. Consider how erosion and transportation create glacial landforms and identify glacial landforms on OS maps. Explore how the distribution of ice around the world changes through time.	Glaciers S-cool, the revision website Create a glossary of 15 key glacial terms. Glaciation - KS3 Geography - BBC Bitesize Identify 5 different landforms found in glacial areas. Describe what they look like and how they are formed within the ice.	 The Last Wild Piers Torday
Summer 2	Climate Change Study climate change including the evidence of climate change; the causes and consequences of climate change; what can be done about climate change.	Features of climate change - Climate change - National 5 Geography Revision - BBC Bitesize Identify what you can do to reduce your carbon footprint.	The Last Wild Piers Torday