

Year 8 Geography

Population

- The factors that affect where humans choose to live.
- The causes and consequences of ageing populations in MEDCs and rising populations in LEDCs.
- China's infamous one child policy will be examined as a case study of a country trying to control its population.

Migration

- The factors that affect if people choose to leave or move to a certain place – push and pull factors
- The causes and consequences of migration from Mexico to the USA, and into Europe from Africa and the Middle East.

Great British Weather

- Difference between weather and climate.
- Factors that can affect the climate of a place.
- Different types of rainfall.
- Case Study of an extreme weather event in the UK – causes, effects and responses.

Development and Globalisation

- What 'development' is, how it can be measured and how the world can be classified according to development.
- Causes of and responses to uneven development.
- What is 'globalisation' and why it has occurred.
- The role of Trans-National Corporations (TNCs) in the 21st century.
- Why everything is made in China.
- The cost of economic growth in China.
- Global Trade – balance, surplus, deficit – and the USA-China trade war.

Restless Earth

- Understand the theory of plate tectonics, how the different plates that make up the Earth's crust move and what happens at the four types of plate boundary.
- Investigate the hazards created by volcanoes and the effects of and responses to a case study example from Montserrat.

Advice to students for independent study

- In addition to set homework, visit websites or revision books to consolidate learning from lessons, practise skills or complete higher level activities.
- Regularly keep up to date with the news and watch relevant TV programmes to develop awareness and understanding of current global issues.