





## Welcome back!

Firstly, a very warm welcome to our new Year 7 cohort who have joined us this September, many of whom are impressing us already with their geographical skills! There are already some fantastic geographers amongst them. For our Year 8's we hope you have had a safe and enjoyable summer break and ready for the exciting year ahead we have planned for you. Read on to find out more information on current topics, extracurricular activities to get involved in and seek guidance on how to get the most out of your geography lessons this year.

Year 7- What are we learning?		Year 8- What are we learning?	
1. Introduction to the UK	2. Physical landscapes of the UK	1. Our physical world	2. Our unequal world
Overview- what makes up the UK? What makes you British? Where is my home located? Contrasts across the UK from the very northern tip of Scotland to Lands End in Cornwall and finally those all important map skills!	Overview- How do geographical processes shape our world? How do rivers work? How are coasts managed and who decides? Exploring the depths of our deepest caves to the peaks of the UK's tallest mountain.	Overview- Y8 takes our students global- beginning with tectonics, earthquakes and volcanoes. Students are given the opportunity to explore the cause and impact of some of Earth's greatest natural disasters!	Overview- this topic opens student's eyes to the developing world. Students will discover where and why inequality exists in some parts of the world- including a look behind the scenes into sweatshops which provide for the western world.
<b>Questions you could ask at home:</b>		<b>Questions you could ask at home:</b>	
a) What countries make up the UK? b) What are British values? c) What is the difference between physical and human geography? d) Why is a 6 figure grid reference better than a 4 figure?	e) What is the hydrological cycle? f) How does geology affect our landscape? g) Why do our coastlines change so quickly? h) What's the difference between stalagmites and stalactites?	a) What causes an earthquake? b) Why do disasters happen? c) How are tsunami predicted and how can we prepare for them? d) How are earthquakes measured?	a) What does development mean? b) How can development be measured? c) What is quality of life? d) How fair is the retail industry for factory workers in Bangladesh?
<b>Optional extras- supporting your child to go further in Geography</b>		<b>Optional extras- supporting your child to go further in Geography</b>	
a) BBC Bitesize KS3- Atlas skills 	a) BBC Bitesize KS3- Physical Geography 	a) BBC Bitesize KS3- Physical Geography – Natural Hazards 	a) BBC Bitesize KS3- Human Geography – Development 

### Still want more?

Your child will be invited to SENECA learning by their class teacher, here they can access online videos, resources and quizzes (including a competition against their classmates) to further develop their geographical understanding. The best bit is it is totally FREE! [www.senecalearning.com](http://www.senecalearning.com) For further information on this see your Geography Teacher.

### Supporting your child:

**Homework-** In Humanities we like to encourage independence as part of Ormiston SWB Academy's CORE Curriculum- developing 'organisation' in our students. As a result students can expect a half termly project across the Humanities faculty. Keep your eyes peeled for the Geography edition coming soon!


**Knowledge Organisers-** Each topic in geography is supported by a knowledge organiser to aid student's in their recall of information. These can be used at home to help students retrieve knowledge that they may have covered earlier in the term prior to their assessments.

**Revision-** Preparing for geography assessments is an essential part of your child's learning journey. Teachers use these assessments to identify student progress and provide feedback to your child to help them improve in the subject. Quizzes are one of the most effective ways of improving your child's long term memory- *Why not try quizzing your child using their knowledge organiser?*

**Extracurricular-** Look out for Humanities club- after school every Wednesday. This is your child's chance to take their learning further- we have a whole host of activities planned to challenge your child.

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