

Geography at LSHS KS3 Year 8

Unit 1 Taking a Break: Why study it?

Tourism is an important economic activity in terms of wealth and jobs. It has an economic, social and environmental impact on places and this is studied through various examples. Management strategies of tourism to limit its negative impact is also considered. A key aim is to stimulate interest in places and promote a sense of wonder and exploration. The focus is tourism in the UK, with coastal, countryside and cultural urban holidays explored.

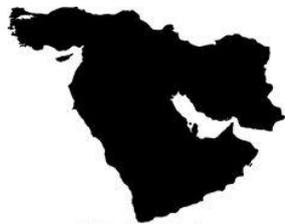


Unit 2 Earning a Living: Why study it?

Understanding modern Britain requires a grasp of different types of economic activity and how these have changed over time. Contrasting examples of countries at different stages of development gives pupils a valuable economic world view. Examples of primary and secondary activity are studied; tertiary is linked back to the previous unit. Agricultural change is particularly relevant to our local community and so is studied.

Unit 3 Shaping the Land 1: Why study it?

An insight into geology is fundamental to the study of physical geography in the UK. The rock cycle and major rock types are introduced and examples looked at. Limestone was chosen for closer study as it forms fascinating surface and subterranean features as well as being economically important. Studying types of weathering is worthwhile as it explains how (together with erosion) landscapes change over time. Soil is easily overlooked but it is a valuable resource so its formation, erosion and protection are studied with contrasting examples used from around the world.



Unit 4 The Middle East: Why study it?

This is an important region in terms of history, religion, resources and conflict and so merits closer study. The civil war in Syria has dominated our news in recent years and we think it is important pupils understand the geopolitical causes and effects of this conflict. The Palestine question also needs exploring if pupils are to make sense of the news. Dubai is an interesting example of dramatic change that links well with units 1 and 2 above.

Unit 5 A Changing Planet 1: Why study it?

Pupils are fascinated by population growth but need to understand why the population explosion has happened and how rates of growth differ between world regions. The population/resource balance is studied with relevant examples. This issue will be ongoing throughout their lives so terminology and viewpoints covered now will inform future discussion. The causes and implications of urbanisation are studied through examples. Globalisation is intrinsic to our modern lives and so is studied from the perspective of the UK and Newly Industrialising Countries.



Unit 6 Shaping the Land 2: Why study it?

Glaciers need to be studied to give pupils a more complete picture of landscape formation in the British Isles. Glacial erosion and deposition features are covered. Links are made with East Anglia's gentle relief, fertile soils and easily eroded coast. Rivers are significant physical features but also important in how they are used by people and the risks they pose.