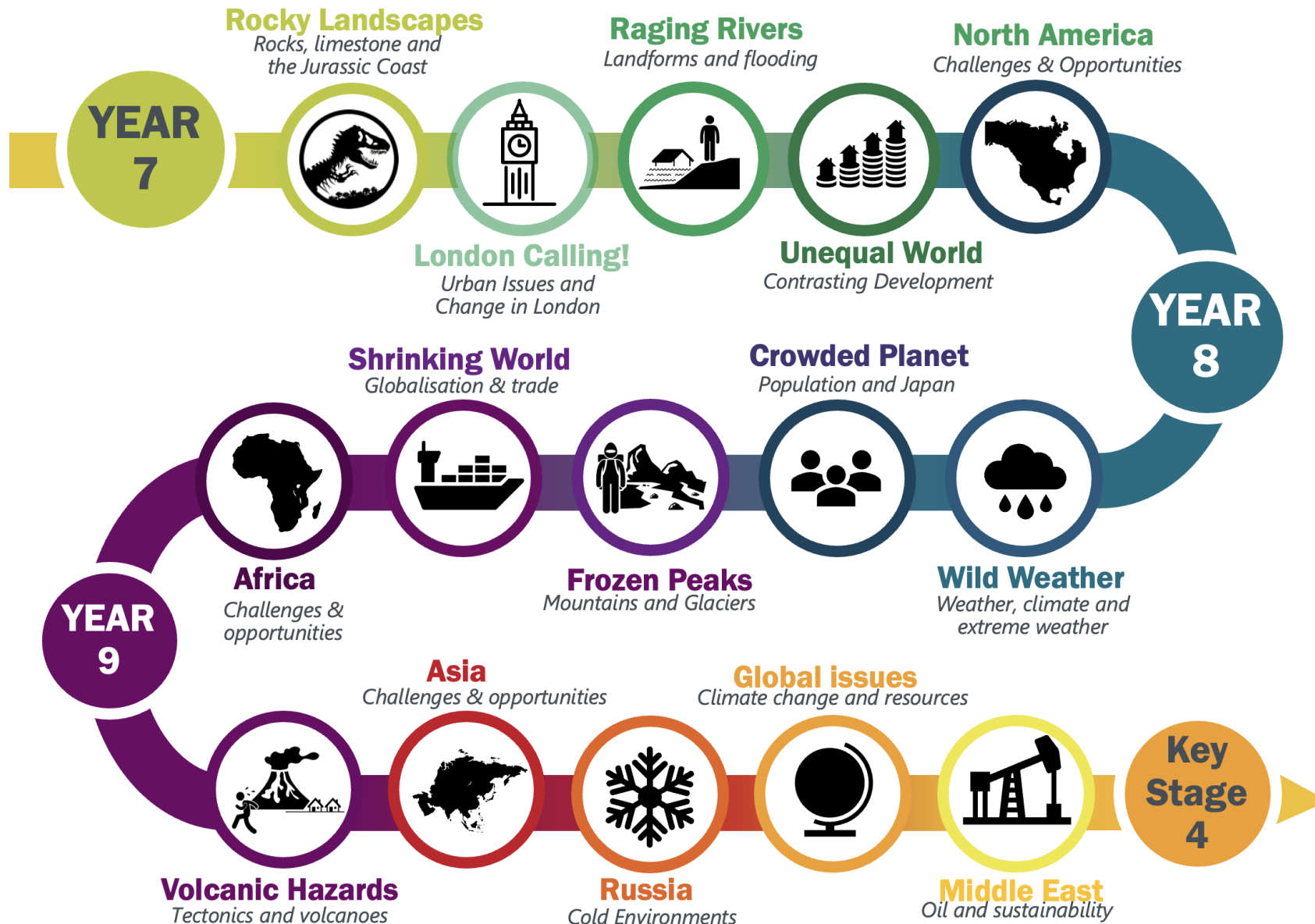


# Geography





# KS3 Curriculum Outline





# Why is the study of Geography important?

At Crawshaw, the Key Stage 3 Geography curriculum aims to develop students' curiosity about the world and the people who live in it. Students learn about a range of places, cultures, environments and natural resources, while exploring the physical processes that shape the Earth, such as rivers and climate, and the human activities that influence it, including cities, population and development.

As they progress, students deepen their understanding of how human and physical processes interact and how landscapes change over time. Geography also helps them develop important skills such as analysing information, thinking critically and asking questions about the world around them.

By studying Geography, students gain a better understanding of global challenges and how their actions can affect people and environments locally and globally, helping them become informed and responsible global citizens.





# What knowledge and skills will your child learn in KS3 Geography?

## Knowledge

Students study a range of places around the world, including the UK, Africa and Asia, and countries from other continents including Russia, China and India. They learn about different landscapes, climates, cultures and ways of life, helping them to understand similarities and differences between places.

They also explore physical geography, which looks at natural processes such as rivers, coasts, weather, climate, ecosystems and natural hazards like earthquakes and volcanoes. Alongside this, students study human geography, which focuses on how people live and interact with the environment. This includes topics such as population, urbanisation, development, trade and the use of natural resources.

## Skills

Throughout the course, students build key geographical skills. These include:

- Using maps, atlases and digital mapping tools
- Interpreting graphs, photographs and geographical data
- Analysing patterns and trends in the world around them
- Asking questions and investigating geographical issues

By developing these skills and knowledge, students learn to think critically about global challenges such as climate change, sustainability and inequality. Geography helps them understand how places are connected and how their actions can impact people and environments both locally and globally.



# How is Geography assessed at KS3?

## Knowledge assessments

In Key Stage 3 Geography, students complete three knowledge assessments each year. These assessments help teachers check that students understand the key knowledge and skills taught throughout the curriculum. The results of these assessments are reported to parents as a percentage score.

## Extended writing

In Year 8 and Year 9, students will also have opportunities to develop their extended writing skills in Geography. This allows them to explain ideas, analyse information and present geographical arguments in more detail. The quality of students' written work will be assessed and reported as Emerging, Developing, Secure or Excelling.



# Personal Development

## Careers

Geography prepares students for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The study of Geography shows students how geographical knowledge and skills are applicable in diverse fields. Topics such as environmental management, urban planning, conservation, and global development can introduce students to roles in areas like sustainable development, climatology, GIS (Geographical Information Systems) analysis, and disaster response. Geographical investigations involving data analysis, mapping, and fieldwork can provide practical insights into these careers. Case studies, and career-focused discussions can further help students understand the pathways and qualifications needed for geography-related careers, making the subject more engaging and connecting classroom learning to real-world opportunities.

## Fundamental British Values

Click [here](#) to find out how Geography helps to promote the Fundamental British Values (FBV).

## SMSC

Click [here](#) to find out how Geography develops Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural (SMSC) understanding.

## Economic Well-being

Click [here](#) to find out how Geography provides financial education and promotes economic well-being.



# Additional Information

## Enrichment

Geography provides opportunities for students to learn beyond the classroom. This may include fieldwork to investigate local environments and apply their geographical skills in real-world settings. In Year 9, students also can apply for a Geography trip to the Bay of Naples, where they can experience geography first-hand by visiting locations such as Pompeii, Mount Vesuvius, Capri and Naples, helping them bring their classroom learning to life.

