

**Curriculum Area: Geography Year: 8
2015/2016**

Topics	Year Curriculum	How you can support learning at home, eg. Books, websites, family learning through visits.
Module 1 = Ecosystems	In half term (HT) 1 and HT 2, pupils will focus on learning physical geography via a topic on Ecosystems . The issues covered in the first term are what makes up an ecosystem and looks in detail at examples of these. Students will build on their knowledge of maps and the location of countries. In HT 2 students will research the importance of the Amazon Rainforest and find out why people are trying to damage it. They will then use all this information to make a decision as to how best protect it from being damaged.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key words sheet – to fill in and learn words and meanings. Encourage your child to use words and put them in sentences for their extended learning. • Ask your child to explain their extended learning to you – explaining the problem may help your child understand it better. • There are assessments at the end of each half-term which will require your child to create a revision sheet, take their book home and revise. Please assist your child in this process following the techniques we suggest. • The assessments are used with weekly class assessed work, to give a view of your child’s progress and most likely grades at the end of the course. • Some useful websites are; www.bbc.co.uk > Home > Geography • Some useful textbooks are; 1. Geography Matters by J Hopkin & P Brooker
Module 2 = Development	In half term (HT) 3 and HT 4, pupils will be learning about Development . This is a topic which is more human geography based and focuses on the unfair distribution of resources across the planet and encourages students to research further the causes of this. GIS investigation techniques will be used during this topic. HT 3 will look at the causes of this problem with focus on Lesser Economically Developed Countries. HT4 will focus on case studies in Africa and the possible solutions to help people in need.	
Module 3 = Brazil/Japan	In half term (HT) 5 and HT 6, pupils will be learning about Japan and Brazil . These are topics that include both human and physical geography. In HT 1 students will learn about Japan, a country devastated by recent natural disasters. They will investigate the effects of this and how Japan intends to recover. With the World Cup in 2014 and the Olympics in Rio in 2016 Brazil will be at the centre of the world attention. HT 2 allows students to explore the country and covers a number of issues including Cities, Sport and Globalisation.	

