

National curriculum or specification coverage

This scheme of work addresses several key strands of the **Key Stage 3 National Curriculum for Geography in England**, particularly **locational knowledge, place knowledge, human and physical geography**, and **geographical skills and fieldwork**. Through map skills, pupils develop competence in using maps, atlases, grid references, scale, symbols, and coordinates. The Africa unit provides a regional study that explores the continent's physical and human geography, development, population, tourism, and the influence of historical processes, supporting place knowledge and understanding of human geography. The biomes topic develops knowledge of climate, ecosystems, environmental processes, and the interdependence of physical and human systems through the study of deserts, tropical rainforests, and coral reefs. The sustainability unit addresses resource management, globalisation, environmental challenges, and sustainable development through issues such as Fairtrade, food miles, and plastic pollution.

Date	Exams/ Assessments	Learning Intentions	Core Task/Assessments
31/08/26		Topic 1: Map skills (11 lessons) - What is Geography? - Core task 1 My favourite place write-up - Atlas work- the geography of the UK - What makes a good map? - How do we use longitude and latitude? - Identifying map symbols 4-figure grid references	Core task 1 My favourite place write-up
07/09/26			
14/09/26			
21/09/26			
28/09/26			
05/10/26			
12/10/26			
19/10/26			
26/10/26		HALF TERM	
02/11/26		6-figure grid references - Distance and scale - How to measure height on a map? - Core task 2 Topic 2: Africa- a place study (8 lessons)	Core task 2 Map Skills test
09/11/26			
16/11/26	Y7		
23/11/26	Y7		
30/11/26			

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07/12/26		Stereotypes and misconceptions	
14/12/26		- What is the physical landscape of Africa? - What are Africa's main human features? - How has Africa's past shaped its present?	
21/12/26	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY		
28/12/26	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY		
04/01/27		Is there a future for the Sahel?	Core task 3
11/01/27		Kenya's population	Describe the distribution of tropical rainforests [4]
18/01/27		Tourism in Kenya	
25/01/27		Topic 3: Biomes (15 lessons)	
01/02/27		What is a biome?	
		Why are biomes so different?	
08/02/27		- Core task 3 - Introduction to a hot desert biome - What is the climate like in a hot desert? - What are the features and adaptations of a hot desert?	
15/02/27	HALF TERM		
22/02/27		Introduction to the tropical rainforest	- Core task 4 (2/3 lessons) - Animal adaptation (DESM)
01/03/27		The climate of a tropical rainforest	
08/03/27		Layers of the tropical rainforest	
15/03/27		How do plants and animals adapt in a tropical rainforest?	
22/03/27		Core task 4 (2/3 lessons)	
29/03/27	SPRING BREAK		
05/04/27	SPRING BREAK		
12/04/27		Nutrient cycling in a tropical rainforest	Core task 5 End of Year Assessment
19/04/27		Threats to rainforests	
26/04/27		Values and sustainable solutions to tropical rainforests	
03/05/27		Coral reefs introduction - location and characteristics	
10/05/27		Coral reefs threats	
17/05/27	Y7	Core task 5	
24/05/27	Y7		
31/05/27	HALF TERM		
07/06/27		Topic 4: Sustainability (12 lessons)	Core task 6 Geographical skills- Plotting a bar chart to
14/06/27		Defining sustainability	
21/06/27		How sustainable is your lifestyle?	



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28/06/27		- Fair trade bananas - Core task 6 - Food miles - What is plastic and why is it an issue in our oceans? - How can we deal with all the plastic waste?	show how students travel to school.
05/07/27			
12/07/27			