

National curriculum or specification coverage

This Year 9 scheme of work addresses several key aspects of the **Key Stage 3 National Curriculum for Geography in England**, with a particular emphasis on **physical geography**, **place knowledge**, and the **interaction** between **human** and **physical processes**. The earthquakes and volcanoes unit develops understanding of the Earth's structure, plate tectonics, natural hazards, risk management, and contrasting hazard case studies, fulfilling the curriculum requirement to study geological timescales and tectonic processes. The Russia place study enhances pupils' locational and place knowledge through an exploration of Russia's physical geography, climate, economic significance, urbanisation, and the Taiga biome, helping students understand geographical similarities, differences, and interconnections within a major world region. The rivers and coasts unit provides substantial coverage of physical geographical processes, including weathering, erosion, transport, deposition, and mass movement, alongside the formation of river and coastal landforms and the management of flood and coastal erosion risk.

Date	Exams/ Assessments	Learning Intentions	Core Task/Assessments
31/08/26		Topic 1: Earthquakes and volcanoes - Structure of the Earth - Plate boundaries - Introduction to earthquakes - Earthquake management - Core task 1 - Case study: Japanese Tsunami (2011) - Introduction to volcanoes - Case study: Montserrat (1995)/ Nyiragongo (2002)	Core task 1 Scatter graph assessment (DESM)
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		Topic 2: Russia- a place study - The geography of Russia - What is the climate of Russia? - Core task 2 - Is Russia a superpower? - What is life like in the Taiga?	Core task 2 Retrieval task. Atlas exercise (Russia)
09/11/26			
16/11/26			
23/11/26			
30/11/26			
07/12/26			

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Subject: Geography

14/12/26		Why are Russia's cities growing?	
21/12/26	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY		
28/12/26			
04/01/27		Topic 4: Rivers and Coasts - Core task 3 - Overview of the distribution of areas of upland, lowland and glaciated landscapes - Overview of the distinctive characteristics of these landscapes including their geology, climate and human activity - Geomorphic processes, including erosion, weathering, transport, mass movement and deposition.	Core task 3 Earthquake/Russia assessment
11/01/27	Y9		
18/01/27	Y9		
25/01/27			
01/02/27			
08/02/27			
15/02/27	HALF TERM		
22/02/27		- Core task 4 - The formation of river landforms (waterfall, gorge, V-shaped valley, floodplain, levee, meander, oxbow lake). - One UK river basin case study (River Tees)	Core task 4 Geomorphic processes- key words test
01/03/27			
08/03/27			
15/03/27			
22/03/27			
29/03/27	SPRING BREAK		
05/04/27			
12/04/27		- One UK river basin case study (River Tees) continued - Core task 5 - The formation of coastal erosional landforms (headland, bay, cliff recession and wave-cut platforms) - The formation of coastal erosional landforms (cave, arch, stack and stump)	Core task 5 Explain the formation of a V-shaped valley [4]
19/04/27			
26/04/27			
03/05/27			
10/05/27			
17/05/27			
24/05/27			
31/05/27	HALF TERM		
07/06/27	Y9	- The formation of coastal depositional landforms (beach and coastal spit) - Core task 6 - Coastal flood risk management – hard and soft engineering	Core task 6 End of year assessment
14/06/27	Y9		
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28/06/27			
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12/07/27			