

TERM	Autumn Term		Spring Term		Summer Term	
THEME	Europe	Antarctica	Asia	North America	Africa	South America
<b>Content</b>	<p><b>Skills</b> – How to read sources and an awareness of bias, Atlas and other map work, ordering chronologies, time period analysis and inferring from information and data. These key skills are introduced in the Europe topic but are carried through and developed throughout year 7 Humanities.</p> <p><b>The UK and Europe</b> – How the UK has been shaped by physical and human processes and influenced by the geography of the land and the historical and religious influences of those that have shaped it. We look at the Norman Conquest and the arrival of the Vikings to our shores and examine the role climate plays in influencing where people settle within Europe and reasons for this.</p> <p>Across the themes we look at a range of cultural and religious aspects including ‘just how religious is Europe?’ and the role of the Church in the UK today.</p>	<p><b>Glaciation</b> – What are glaciers and how do they form? Working out glacial budgets using numeracy skills</p> <p><b>Living in Cold Environments</b> – where are they and what are the risks associated with living in extreme climates? Avalanche theory, history and distribution of these hazards and surviving the ‘white death’.</p> <p><b>Antarctica</b> – locating the continent and getting there, exploring the physical features and ecosystems and learning about the great explorers who attempted to cross the continent (Scott and Amundsen’s expeditions in particular)</p> <p>The final weeks of term will be used to look at the Christmas story in more depth, discovering who Jesus was and the teachings of the Bible linked to his birth and actions.</p>	<p><b>Asia as a continent</b> – key countries, climates and the different physical features and human settlements – knowing where in the continent these countries are.</p> <p><b>Japan, India and China</b> – a look at the history, politics, geography and religions of 3 of the most important economic powers in Asia. Key topics explored include population growth and decline, British influence and resistance (Empire and Ghandi), economic growth and the advantages and disadvantages of this (sweatshops, 3 Gorges Dam) and the ideals of democracy.</p> <p>Cultural and religious elements of the humanities course include Chinese New Year and its symbolism and importance to many Chinese British communities and the festivals of Passover and Hanukkah.</p>	<p><b>North America as a continent</b> – the countries and differences in physical and human characteristics, with a focus on Ottawa and Miami.</p> <p>A closer look at the people and landscape of the USA/Canada, looking at <b>Native Americans</b> culture, history and beliefs.</p> <p><b>North American Hazards</b> – Yellowstone National Park, super-volcanoes, hurricanes, earthquakes and tornadoes – causes, impacts and coping with the hazards generally.</p> <p>The end of term leading into Easter allows us to look at Christianity in more detail.</p>	<p><b>Africa as a continent</b> - Locational detail on the countries of Africa and key human and physical features</p> <p><b>The 7 Natural Wonders of Africa</b> – research and information ordering</p> <p><b>River Processes and features</b> – to include waterfalls and meanders. Causes and impacts of flooding</p> <p><b>The River Nile</b> and its importance to Egypt’s various civilisations.</p> <p><b>Ancient Egyptians</b> – culture, beliefs and history.</p> <p><b>Ghana</b> – country profile, leading into development economics and ‘<b>Fair Trade</b>’</p> <p><b>Islam</b> will be the religious focus throughout the Africa topic, along with traditional ancient Egyptian beliefs.</p>	<p><b>South America</b> – continental features – natural and man-made, map locations of major cities etc.</p> <p><b>Brazil</b> – country profile; people, culture and religion.</p> <p><b>The Amazon</b> – species, functioning of the Rainforest ecosystem and threats to it. Management decision making exercise.</p> <p><b>Tourism in South America</b> – places of interest in the natural and human work (focus on Art/culture – Christ the Redeemer and Angel Falls)</p> <p><b>The Aztecs</b> – an investigation into the people and culture of this great ancient S American Empire</p> <p><b>Roman Catholicism</b> and its importance in South American culture will be explored throughout the topic</p>