

Rising Stars Geography Topic List

KEY STAGE	YEAR	TOPIC NAME	MAIN CURRICULUM FOCUS	BIG FINISH
KEY STAGE 1	YEAR 1	What's it like where we live?	Use maps to identify the UK and its countries	Make 3-D models of your local area
		Where in the world do these people live?	Understand geographical features by contrasting the UK with a non-European country	Make a passport ready for take-off!
		Where do our favourite animals live?	Use compass directions to describe features and routes on a map	Create a 'home in a box'
	YEAR 2	What are seasons?	Identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the UK	Create drawings and paintings inspired by seasonal changes
		Where does our food come from?	Describe and understand key aspects of human geography, including trade links	Go on a Great British Picnic
		What are the seven wonders of our world?	Devise a map and use basic symbols in a key	Choose your own seven 'wonders of the world'
LOWER KEY STAGE 2	YEAR 3	Why is climate important?	Identify seasonal/daily weather patterns in the UK	Produce a 'Big Finish' climate report
		Where on Earth are we?	Locate the world's countries using maps	Invent a locational map game, quiz or puzzle
		Do we like to be beside the seaside?	Name geographical regions and their identifying characteristics in the UK	Create a television advert or presentation to promote a coastal area
	YEAR 4	Can you come on a Great American Road Trip?	Locate the world's countries using maps, including North and South America	Create a song or rap about America
		How does the water go round and round?	Describe and understand key aspects of physical geography, including the water cycle	Design and make a model river
		How does the Earth shake, rattle and roll?	Describe and understand key aspects of physical geography, including volcanoes	Make a real-life 'erupting' volcano
UPPER KEY STAGE 2	YEAR 5	How is our country changing?	Identify geographical characteristics of the UK, and understand how some have changed over time	Create pieces of art that represent your local area
		Where should we go on holiday?	Locate the world's countries, using maps	Create your very own mobile app about the Alpine region
		Where does all our stuff come from?	Use maps, atlases and digital mapping to locate countries and describe features	Write an adventure story about the journey of your chosen product
	YEAR 6	What is life like in the Amazon?	Understand similarities and differences of a region of the UK, and a region within South America	Produce an exciting stop-motion animation
		Are we damaging our world?	Describe and understand aspects of human geography, including settlement and land use	Develop a campaign to help protect the planet
		How will our world look in the future?	Name and locate counties and cities of the UK, and understand how some aspects have changed over time	Create your own plan for the future of your local area