



Geography at Catshill Middle School

Our geography curriculum explores the world and how humans interact with it. Pupils study settlements, biomes, climate change, natural hazards, and global development, while building essential skills to understand, analyze, and protect our planet.

Year 5

Where we live



Protecting Planet Earth



Bizarre Biomes



Curriculum focus

Pupils explore where humans have settled and why some places have grown from hamlets to megacities. They study how settlements change over time and consider the challenges of building on local brownfield or greenfield sites.

This module explores threats to the world and challenges facing precious environments due to climate change and human impact. Pupils study extinct and endangered animals and learn to be persuasive in arguing how to protect them.

Pupils explore different biomes, their unique features, and the flora and fauna in each, comparing them worldwide. They also develop key geographical skills, such as using and interpreting climate graphs, in preparation for future studies at Catshill.

Year 6

Dangerous Earth



How we live



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Curriculum focus

In this module, pupils study natural disasters and their impact on people and places. They explore the effects on humans and weigh the benefits of living in hazard-prone areas against the obvious risks.

Pupils are introduced to globalisation and our increasingly interconnected world. They explore global development and the causes of inequality between countries.

This module helps pupils develop geographical skills for future lessons. They study different types of maps, their uses, and become confident geographers

Year 7

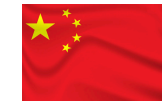
The Middle East



Depleting Resources



China



Curriculum focus

In the Middle East topic, pupils study the region's geography, climate, and resources, and how these affect people, trade, and cities. They explore sustainability, development, and cultural challenges.

In the Depleting Resources topic, pupils study how farming and fishing adapt to future demands. They explore sustainable resource use, the effects of overuse, and how aid helps communities in Tanzania.

In the China topic, pupils explore population growth and policies like the One Child Policy, studying projects such as the Three Gorges Dam and its impacts. They also consider China's future challenges in urban development, resources, and sustainability.

Year 8

India



Climate Change



Coasts



Curriculum focus

In the India topic, pupils explore the country's history with Britain, population growth, and the challenges of supporting a large population. They also study India's climate, focusing on the monsoon and its effects on farming, water, and daily life.

In this topic, pupils study the greenhouse and enhanced greenhouse effects and their role in trapping heat. They explore historic and current causes, impacts like extreme weather and sea-level rise, and solutions such as renewable energy and conservation.

In the Coasts topic, pupils study how coastlines are shaped by erosion, deposition, and waves. They explore coastal management, including ways to defend the coastline, and consider the costs, benefits, and sustainability of these strategies.

Beyond CMS

Our curriculum builds a strong foundation in geography, exploring people, places, and environments. Pupils develop key skills and knowledge that prepare them to continue their studies with confidence into high school and beyond.