



# Blue Coat Church of England Academy

**Year: 9**

**Subject: Geography**

## **All of term 1 Weather, Climate and Extremes**

An ever more important topic due to the nature of global climate change. We begin by looking at the differences between climate and weather. This includes a focus on rainfall and the phenomena known as urban heat islands. We then focus on extreme environments around the globe with a large amount of time devoted to the conditions in Antarctica. Major events such as Cyclone Nargis and Hurricane Sandy are also reviewed. Perhaps the most important part of this work is based in studying climate change and the impact humans have had.

## **All of term 2 North America**

In this unit we turn our attention to human geography and the ideas of resource management and migration, all through the lens of Las Vegas and American politics. This unit introduces pupils to Geographic decision making at a GCSE level, an important skill that requires them to synthesis information to make reasonable and supported decisions. It also encourages critical thinking within the incredibly tense topic of migration, encouraging debating both sides when considering a range of stakeholders and debates.

## **All of term 3 The Taiga**

This unit builds on the work of Ecosystems and Tropical places in Year 7. We reinforce the characteristics of ecosystems as well as what biomes are and where you would find them. We then focus on the Taiga forest (sometimes known as Boreal) which covers large swathes of Russia, Canada and Scandinavia. This evergreen forest is particularly sensitive biome to change, which makes it an excellent one to evaluate. Students develop their understanding of adaptations, threats and management techniques.

### **Supporting your child at home**

You can support your child at home by promoting the use of showmyhomework. During the year homework tailored to the needs of your child will appear on a weekly basis. In preparation for any in class assessments revision materials will also be made available online and in hard copy when students do not have access to them. It is important that you encourage your child to keep up with any work set as they reinforce the work done in the classroom. Our most successful students are those that are able to complement their work in school with that at home

### **Making progress in this subject**

To help your child make progress in Geography you should try to expose them to a variety of different news outlets such as newspapers, magazines as well as broadcast news. You could encourage discussions about the world around them. Issues such as migration, Brexit, and climate change will all impact upon areas which geography covers and any extra insight will only support your child's learning