



How is our world changing?

GEOGRAPHY
Year 6
Spring Term

Overview

During this topic we will be exploring how our world is changing and the factors which contribute to this change. We will be looking in more depth at natural disasters that occur within certain areas as well what causes them and the damage that they leave behind. We will be using maps and atlases to gather further information to support our learning.



Topic Vocabulary

earthquakes - a sudden violent shaking of the ground, as a result of movements within the earth's crust or volcanic action

fault line- a break in the earth's surface that occurs when the tectonic plates move

global warming - a gradual increase in the overall temperature of the earth's atmosphere

natural disaster- a sudden accident or catastrophe that is not caused by humans

tectonic- relating to the structure of the earth's crust and the large-scale processes which take place within it.

tsunami- a long, high sea that is caused by an earthquake or other disturbance

Knowledge & Understanding

In this unit, the pupils will:

- Locate and describe several physical environments in the UK and how they can change.
- Explore broad land-use patterns of the UK.
- Explore and describe a range of key physical processes and the resulting landscape features.
- Can understand how a mountain region was formed.
- Explore what life is like in cities and in villages and in a range of settlement sizes.
- Explore hazards from physical environments and how they are managed.
- Explain several threats to wildlife/ habitats.

Geographical skills

In this unit, the pupils will:

- Use maps and atlases to locate different places.
- Use atlases to gather further information.
- Begin to further extend their map knowledge.
- Gather information and record in an appropriate way.
- Evaluate data collected and how that particular data is useful.

Home – school link project

During this topic, pupils can choose to:

(these should be skills based/ cross-curricular links)

Working Geographically

atlas- a book of maps, tables or charts

compass- an instrument showing direction of North, South, East and West.

co-ordinate- a set of numbers which identify a location on a map

countries- a large area of land which live under the same government

human features- a man-made feature which has been made by or used by humans

ordnance survey- the national mapping agency of Great Britain

physical features- naturally occurring features of the environment