

KS3 MAP Geography Curriculum at a Glance: 2023-24

At Maplewell Hall School, Humanities incorporates History and Geography. In MAP (Pathway A) History and Geography are taught once a week each, as separate, lessons.

At Maplewell Hall School we believe that Geography is for everyone. We want to give our students the right knowledge and skills to enable them to reach their future destination – whatever or wherever that may be.

We recognise that within each classroom there will be pupils with differing levels of knowledge and skills. We aim to provide learning opportunities for success that are inclusive for all students within each classroom through the use of adaptive teaching. Teachers have a clear understanding of the needs of all pupils and lessons are planned to engage and support them. The teacher's role is to monitor each child's learning and to adjust instruction as necessary. A variety of methods are used at Maplewell Hall School to achieve this such as; project-based learning, classroom discussion, cooperative learning, and demonstrations/ modelling.

In addition to this, teaching and support staff are deployed effectively to maximise each pupil's potential and to allow them to achieve 'success'. These staff members are part of the pupil's tutor team and have in-depth knowledge of the pupils physical, social and intellectual development; making them an integral part of supporting adaptive teaching.

Pathway A

This pathway follows the Geography KS3 National curriculum in much greater depth than pathway B, providing students with further opportunities to develop key skills (see attached skills progression charts) and to fully prepare them for further study at KS4. Students following this pathway will have 2 lessons per week (1 X History and 1 X Geography).

Further study option- Full Course GCSE Geography.

KS3 Geography

“Geography explains the past, illuminates the present and prepares us for the future. What could be more important than that?” Michael Palin, Ex-president of the Royal Geographical Society

- At Maplewell Hall School, Geography inspires in pupils a curiosity and fascination about the world and its people that will remain with them for the rest of their lives. The Curriculum equips pupils with knowledge about diverse places, people, resources and natural and human environments, together with a deep understanding of the Earth’s key physical and human processes. As pupils progress, their growing knowledge should help them to deepen their understanding of the world and their place in it.
- Pupils are exposed to issues and environments outside of their everyday experience through providing opportunities for fieldwork and investigations, which allows them to consider our changing world, and their role within it.
- The KS3 curriculum at Maplewell Hall School is designed to ensure that pupils are engaged and inspired, while gaining a wealth of knowledge and understanding of key concepts and processes in geography.
- In addition to knowledge, pupils will gain and practise challenging skills through fieldwork, GIS, graphicacy and data investigations, which enable them to analyse and consider our changing world, and their role within it. Through their study of Geography, pupils will develop and practise essential critical thinking skills including relational thinking, classification and decision making, as well as quantitative and graphical skills such as statistical tests, map reading, interpreting graphs and diagrams.

Curriculum Map: KS3 Pathway A

YEAR 7 Mr Constable	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
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Topic	Geography-Extreme weather	Geography-Extreme weather	Geography-Britain and Europe	Geography-Britain and Europe	Geography-Map Skills	Geography-Coasts
Assessm e	End of topic assessment	End of topic assessment and dirt	End of topic assessment	End of topic assessment and dirt	End of topic assessment	End of topic assessment and dirt

YEAR 8 Mr Constabl e	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Topic	Geography-Ecosystems	Geography-Changing my world	Geography-Thorny Issue	Geography-Russia	Geography-China	Geography-Map and Investigation Skills
Assessm e	End of topic assessment	End of topic assessment and dirt	End of topic assessment	End of topic assessment and dirt	End of topic assessment	End of topic assessment and dirt

YEAR 9 Mr Constabl e	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Topic	Geography-Extreme (nature's fury)	Geography-Extreme (nature's fury)	Geography-Fantastic places	Geography-Crime and GIS Mapping	Geography-Cold Environments	Geography-Investigation Fieldwork
Assessm e	End of topic assessment	End of topic assessment and dirt	End of topic assessment	End of topic assessment and dirt	End of topic assessment	End of topic assessment and dirt