

BGE 3rd Year

Department: Social Subjects

BGE Course: Geography

Brief Description of Course:

In Geography in S3, you will study areas of Human Geography (about people and places) and Physical Geography (about the landscape).

The course begins by looking at world population and where people live around the globe. We look at Scotland and Malawi and compare the differences in their populations and the problems that this might cause these countries in the future.

Next, you will study two landscape features—Rivers and their Valleys and Limestone Scenery. Rivers have helped shaped the surface of the land over hundreds of thousands of years. You will learn about the different features found along the river's course and how they were formed. Limestone Scenery is found in areas of the UK such as the Yorkshire Dales. You will investigate how this beautiful landscape was created and what amazing sights are found below the surface in these areas. You will also look at how people use the landscape in areas such as the Yorkshire Dales and the benefits and problems that come with living in a popular tourist area. Finally, we study cities. We look at where the world's megacities are found and how cities such as Glasgow have changed over time. We look at problems found in world cities such as Rio de Janeiro and what solutions there are. The course also includes fieldwork opportunities.

Assessment Strategies:

You are assessed on your day to day learning in the class through classwork, group and paired tasks and class discussions. Homework will also be assessed. There will be formal 'end of unit' assessments at the end of each topic to help build skills in answering these types of questions and help you track and monitor your progress through S3 Geography.

Pupil Commitment:

You should enjoy learning about the world and the people who live there. There will be some fieldwork during S3 Geography so you should be prepared to take your learning outside into 'the real world' and put your classroom knowledge to the test!

You will also have a chance to achieve the John Muir Award which recognises an interest in environmental issues.