

Year 3 Geography Curriculum



Autumn	Our Islands – the Geographical Variety of Britain
Year 3	-The United Kingdom is made up of 4 countries (England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland but Great Britain is made up of 3 countries (England, Scotland and Wales). -Label an eight-point compass with N, S, E, W, NE, NW, SE, SW. -The United Kingdom is split into counties. Our county is Northumberland and we are bordered by Scotland to the North, the North Sea to the East, Cumbria to the West, and County Durham and Tyne and Wear to the South. -Identify the county of Northumberland on a simple county map. -Rivers begin inland at the source and flow out to their mouth in the sea or a lake. -The Prime Meridian is an invisible line that runs vertically through the Earth, creating an Eastern and Western hemisphere.
Spring	Natural Disasters (Volcanoes and Earthquakes)
Year 3	-To know that the plates move three ways: parallel to each other, divergent (move apart) and convergent (crash together). -Earthquakes are usually caused when rock underground suddenly breaks along a fault. This sudden release of energy causes the seismic waves that make the ground shake. -To locate and name mountain ranges in different continents on maps: Andes, Alps, Rockies Himalayas. -To know that a mountain is 600m high or above and Mount Everest is the largest mountain in the world which is located in the Himalayas. -To know how to label the Earth's inner core, outer core, mantle and crust. -To know that a volcano is a very deep hole in the Earth's top layer that can let out hot gases, ash and lava. When magma rises within the volcano, pressure builds up.
Summer	Local Rivers
Year 3	-A river is a path that water takes as it flows downhill, normally towards another river, a lake, sea or ocean. -A river begins at the source and ends at the mouth. -The features of a river and its surrounding landscape change from source to mouth -Most inland human settlements were originally formed around rivers. In addition to drinking and bathing, rivers were also important for creating power. -Rivers can flood, at which point they can become exceptionally dangerous. -The Coquet River runs through the county of Northumberland, discharging into the North Sea at Amble.