

KS3 Curriculum – Year 8 Geography

Term 1	<p>Can economic development in NIC's be sustainable?</p> <p><i>The countries within our world are constantly changing. Have you ever considered why phrases like “everything's made in China or India” are commonly used? This module looks at how changing human processes are influencing the transformation (change) of countries like China and India as a place. We will also consider whether the development of these types of countries (Newly Industrialised Countries, NICs) is sustainable. It is also important to know why this is relevant to YOU so we will explore our personal connections to these countries</i></p>
Term 2	<p>Can the polar and rainforest regions of the world be sustainably developed?</p> <p><i>The search for natural resources such as oil, minerals and wood is on the increase. The development of NIC's (Newly Industrialised Countries) that you studied in your last topic means that the rest of the world are starting to consume more raw materials. Countries will always want to develop. Two areas of the world rich in these natural resources are the rainforest and polar regions. The challenge that faces the world at present is “can these areas be sustainably</i></p>
Term 3	<p>How important are the three pillars of sustainability to Geography?</p> <p><i>Our last two topics have looked at economic development and the costs and benefits this has had for people and the planet. This final topic in year 8 looks at the future of sustainability. We look at sustainability in the development of local areas such as Bristol. We try to enhance our understanding of living in a balanced world where the three pillars of sustainability (economic, environmental and social) are considered equally.</i></p>
<p>Recommended Resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youtube – there are a variety of different resources available relating to their topic of the term • Trips • Parent and pupil knowledge • A World Atlas • KS3 Geography Bitesize (http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zrw76sg) 	
<p>How you can help:</p> <p><i>Geography has changed since a lot of people were at school. It is not just about maps! Geography is crucial in helping our students understand what is going on in the world around them.....</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep watching the news with your son / daughter. • Try to find newspaper articles that relate to the topic for the term. • Help students find out extra information regarding their homework 	