

St. Mary's Catholic High School GEOGRAPHY LONG TERM PLAN (2025-2026)-

YEAR 3 LONG TERM PLAN with CURRICULUM STANDARDS

YEAR 3	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	WEEK 6	WEEK 7	WEEK 8
Term 1	UNIT - 1 THE WORLD MAP							
	Cardinal & Intercardinal Directions		Maps, globe and atlas		Continents and oceans of the world		U.A.E in the world map	
	Recognise the Cardinal directions and Intercardinal directions; Use the Compass Rose to locate the position and direction of a place on the map.		Explain the differences between a map, globe and an atlas. Recognise the grid reference and use of a key to identify places on a map.		Recall and locate the seven continents and five oceans on the world map. Introduction to the continents of North America and South America. Identify the capitals of the listed countries in North America and South America.		Name, locate and label the 7 emirates and neighbouring countries of U.A.E on a map. Recognize some famous landmarks of U.A.E. Organize the information collected about the 7 emirates.	
Term 1	UNIT 2- Introduction to Solar System		UNIT 3 - HOLIDAY DESTINATIONS AROUND THE WORLD					
	Inner Planets & Outer Planets		Some Holiday Destinations		Packing a Suitcase		Comparing Holiday Destinations	
	Recognise and name the planets of the solar system and classify them as inner and outer planets. Use secondary resources to find a fact about each planet.		Name and identify some common Holiday destinations. List few reasons for going on a holiday. Use secondary resources to recognise some familiar holiday destinations around the world. Suggest few places for a family to travel; considering the weather, landscape and activities at each place.		Explain how overseas tourists consider the weather conditions as a factor in deciding the things to pack, when planning a journey. Use secondary resources to find and suggest some available activities for tourists visiting hot or cold destinations.		Compare two different holiday destinations and suggest differences and similarities (eg. Egypt and Switzerland) . Identify and name the souvenirs from different places.	Revision
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Term 2	UNIT 4- PHYSICAL AND HUMAN FEATURES							
	Some Physical and Human features around the World		Structure of the Earth			Basic Features of a Volcano		
	Recognise and name the different physical and human features in UAE and around the world.		Recognise and name the diifferent layers in the structure of the earth;			Understand the structure of a volcano and identify the basic features.		
Term 2	UNIT 5- OUR LOCAL ENVIRONMENT							
	Changes across Four Seasons		Weather Forecast symbols			Effects of Noise pollution		
	Name the four seasons and list the changes during summer, spring, winter and autumn.		Recognise how weather symbols are used in weather forecasts. Identify and use weather symbols.			Identify pleasant sounds and unpleasant sounds. Recognise the effects of noise pollution and suggest ways to reduce noise pollution.		Revision
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Term 1	Unit 1- THE WORLD and the WEATHER						Unit 2 - Overseas Destinations	
	Recall Directions, Continents & Oceans		Latitudes & Longitudes		Weather Around the World/ Climatic Zones		Some Countries in Europe & their Capitals	
	Recall Cardinal directions and Intercardinal directions; Recall & locate the 7 Continents & 5 Oceans on the World Map; Order the continents and Oceans according to their size.		Recognise the significance of the Geographical grid. Recognise what is meant by Lines of Latitude (Parallels) & Lines of Longitude(Meridians).Name and locate the position of the major lines of Latitude and Longitude .		Explain the difference between weather and climate. Recognise and draw some common weather symbols. Predict the weather for the day and draw a suitable weather symbol. Identify and locate the climatic zones (temperate, polar and tropical climatic zones) on the world map.		Recognise and name some countries in Europe and name their capitals. Identify some famous human features and physical features in Europe.	
	Unit 3 - Topographical Features 1 - MOUNTAINS							
	Mountain Ranges		Major mountains in UAE		Seven summits of the world			

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Term 1	Recognise what is meant by a mountain range, Name some famous mountain ranges of the world.(The Himalayas-Asia;The Atlas - Africa; The Andes-South America; The Alps- Europe;The Rockies-North America)		Identify and name the major mountains in UAE ; Compare and contrast - Mountains in UAE and other parts of the world.		Name the seven summits of the world (highest mountain in each continent) - Mt. Everest in Asia ; Aconcagua in South America;Denali in North America; Kilimanjaro in Africa; Mt. Elbrus in Europe; Puncak Jaya in Oceania.		Revision		
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Term 2	Unit 4 - Topographical features 2 - RIVERS								
	Source of a river		Some Water bodies in UAE		Major rivers of the world				
	Recognise the source of a river system and its course; Label the different features of a river namely; the source, meander, tributary, confluence, flood plain, oxbow lake,delta, mouth (estuary).		Recognise that a 'Wadi' (common in desert regions) is a river that is usually dry except when it has rained. Recognise that a Creek is a medium waterway that is larger than a stream. Recognise that a water canal is a manmade waterway for boats and ships to transport		.Name the major river in each continent.(Asia-Yangtze; Europe-Volga; North America-Mississippi; South America-Amazon; Africa-Nile; Australia-Darling river)				
Term 2	Unit 5 - SUSTAINABILITY		Unit 6 - ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES in UAE						
	Reduce -Reuse - Recycle		Agriculture & Livestock Keeping		Maritime Activities, Industry & Trade in UAE				
	that the planet and all of its resources (including wood, leather, gas and coal) are used in such a way that all animals and plants can continue to live here for many years to come.Recognise the reduce – reuse – recycle method to achieve sustainability. Design a poster to create awareness about sustainability.		To introduce the idea that food is more sustainable when it is grown locally, and how modern farming techniques now make this possible in UAE.Recognise that Livestock refers to the animals such as cattle and sheep which are kept on a farm. Explain the importance of livestock keeping in the UAE.		Understand that the residents of UAE were engaged in different maritime activities as a main source of income. Understand that UAE is one of the important countries that produce and export oil.			Revision	
YEAR 5 LONG TERM PLAN with CURRICULUM STANDARDS									
YEAR 5	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	WEEK 6	WEEK 7	WEEK 8	
Term 1	Unit 1: SEAS and OCEANS					Unit 2: WEARING AWAY THE LAND.			
	Beneath the surface		The Ocean Environment.		Learning about seas	Rivers in Action		Preventing Flood Damage	
	To understand how ocean changes at different levels and how the light, temperature and pressure change with the depth of water.		To illustrate how the oceans are important to us in a variety of ways.		To reinforce locational knowledge about oceans and seas.	To learn and understand that erosion, transportation and deposition are part of a sequence.		To learn and understand the effectiveness of different strategies for preventing floods.	
Term 1	Unit 3: WALES	Unit 4: The SEASONS						Unit 5: Greece	
	Wales	Changing Seasons		Seasons Worldwide		Seasonal Influence	Greece	Revision	
	To locate the key rivers, mountains and settlements on the map of Wales.	To emphasise the different characteristics of each season.		To compare UK and Mediterranean climates using climate data.		To illustrate the effects of weather on human activities.	To reinforce understanding of different geographical themes and to consolidate the potrait of life on a Greek Island.		
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Term 2	Unit 6: CITIES				Unit 7: JOBS				
	Describing Cities	World Cities		The Story of London	Making Things	Different Jobs	Types of Work		
	To learn and understand the diffrence between towns and cities and show that people have differnt needs and priorities.	To develop locational knowledge about cities around the world.		To consider the different functions and facilities in a major city.	To learn and understand about factories and how they work	To illustrate the range of work opportuniites in a single work environment.	To show that there are major categories of work and that not all work results in a tangible product.		
	Unit 8:NORTH AMERICA	Unit 9: POLLUTION				Unit 10: Africa			
	ntroducing the Caribbear	Damaging the Environment.		Green Living		Introducing Africa		Revision	

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Term 2	To introduce to the geographical setting and context of the Caribbean region.	To learn and understand about pollution problem and solutions.	To help children realise they can help reduce pollution through their own action.		To learn and understand about Africa through key physical and human features.		Assessment 2	
YEAR 6 LONG TERM PLAN with CURRICULUM STANDARDS								
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Term 1	PLANET EARTH: Unit 1: Restless Earth				WATER: Unit 2: Drinking Water			
	Earthquakes and	Creating Landscapes	Rocks and Soils in the UK		Water, Water	Water Supplies		Conserving Water
	Explore the occurrence of earthquakes and volcanic eruptions	Identify and describe the five forces that shape the land	Discover how rocks affect the character of places in the UK		Appreciate that water is essential to life	Explore the cycle and sources of water and identify the importance of clean water		Identify specific actions that individuals, government, and communities can take to help save and protect water
Term 1	Unit 9: SOUTH AMERICA		WEATHER: Unit 4: LOCAL WEATHER			Unit 5: EUROPE		
	Learning about the Amazon		The Right	Micro-Climates	Influencing the Weather	Europe		Revision
	Explore the Amazon rainforest and enumerate ways on how it is threatened and how it can be protected		Explain the need to control the weather	Compare varying weather conditions between places	Identify air pollution problems and how it affects the weather	Introduce Europe's landcapes- what makes it special, and name the best reasons for a country to join the European Union		
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Term 2	SETTLEMENTS: Unit 6: Planning Issues			Unit 7: North and South America/ Europe		WORK AND TRAVEL: Unit 8: Transport		
	Reasons for	Old Sites, New Sites	Planning Games	England		Travelling Further,	Transport Problems	Hidden Costs
	Assess the different ways of land use	Explain the reasons for re-development of old sites	Evaluate how planning decisions are made	Illustrate the physical and human geography of England and investigate the quality of life through photographs and maps		Discuss the different types of transports and opportunites for travel	Identify traffic problems and devise plans to keep people safe and traffic moving	Examine how vehicles affect people and the environment
Term 2	ENVIRONMENT: Unit 9: Conservation					Unit 10: Asia and Africa		
	Threatened Wildlife		Antarctica		Conservation Projects	Asia		Revision
	Appreciate wildlife and discuss the endangered plants and animals		Explore Antarctica and cite reasons to conserve it		Propose conservation projects to prevent further damage and help restore the earth	Discuss facts about Southeast Asia and explore life in Singapore		
YEAR 7 LONG TERM PLAN with CURRICULUM STANDARDS								
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Term 1	RESOURCES and the ENVIRONMENT							
	Why are we concerned about the environment?		Who cares for the environment?		Project "Sustainable Solutions"	Why does wildlife need protecting?		How can industry pollute the environment?
	To enhance understanding about their surroundings and discuss the relationship between environments and living things.		To outline the different ways organisations protects and cares for the environment.		To raise awareness about environmental issues and promote sustainable practices among students and the wider community.	To create an awareness about the need to protect wildlife and conscientize about the struggle to prevent species from extinction.		To create an awareness about industrial pollution and conscientize about the struggle in cleaning up the environment.
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Term 1	RESOURCES and the ENVIRONMENT								
	How can industry pollute the environment?	What non-renewable and renewable resources are there?.	Electricity and environment		How can we conserve resources?		Revision		
	To create an awareness about industrial pollution and conscientize about the struggle in cleaning up the environment.	Differentiates between renewable and non-renewable resources and outline the benefits and disadvantages of using renewable resources.	Recognize the need to recycle waste materials and reduce energy consumption.		To appreciate the need to protect and conserve resources and describe several ways they can conserve resources in their daily lives.				
YEAR 7	WEEK 17	WEEK 18	WEEK 19	WEEK 20	WEEK 21	WEEK 22	WEEK 23	WEEK 24	
Term 2	INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT								
	Why is soil an important resource?		Why is it important to protect our forests?		Too many people		Jobs and Development		
	Explain why soil is a vital and vulnerable renewable resource, outline the causes of soil erosion and discuss measures to prevent it.		To consider the moral, social and economic implications of our actions on the environment and explain the importance sustainable development.		To explain the causes of difference in development and the effects of population growth on deveolpment.		To explain the effect of employment structure with regards to the development of the country.		
	WEEK 25	WEEK 26	WEEK 27	WEEK 28	WEEK 29	WEEK 30	WEEK 31	WEEK 32	
Term 2	INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT								
	Trade and Development		Is development spread evenly?		What are China's main physical features?		A journey through China		
	To explain the effects of trade on with regards to the development of the country.		To understand that development occurs at different rates and times in different countries and explain the reasons for the unequal development around the world.		To locate the different physical features of China and its relation to climate.		To learn about the history, major tourist attractions and culture of China.		
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YEAR 8 LONG TERM PLAN with CURRICULUM STANDARDS									
YEAR 8	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	WEEK 6	WEEK 7	WEEK 8	
Term 1	ECOSYSTEMS								
	Factors affecting climate	Britain's Climate	What are ecosystems?	What are ecosystems?	Equatorial Climate	Tropical rainforests	Mediterranean Climate	Mediterranean Vegetation	
	Learn about the factors affecting climate.	Students should learn about the features of a'British' climate and how it differs in other parts of the world.	They learn about the links in a simple ecosystem.	They learn about the links in a simple ecosystem.	They learn how height affects different places with the same latitude and they acquire mapping skills too.	Students learn how vegetation has adapted to the equatorial climate.	Students learn the features of a Mediterranean climate and can locate those places on a map.	To understand the adaptation of Mediterranean vegetation to the climate and outline the different human activities that can change this eco system.	
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Term 1	ECOSYSTEMS			ROCKS AND THEIR TYPES(Science Topic)					
	Hot desert climate	Know adaptation of plants and wild life in hot deserts.	Describe Polar Climate	To know how can we describe rocks	Know how igneous and metamorphic rocks are formed	Know how rocks wear away.	Know how sedimentary rocks are formed.	Know how do we get metals from the earth.	
	Students learn the features of a hot desert climate and can locate those places on a map.	Know how plants survive in the hot deserts. Understand how animals adapt themselves to the hot desert climate.	Locate and name places having polar climate. Describe polar climate and its features. Explain how the ecosystem is changing.	Understand what a rock is Describe the textures of some different rocks. Explain how some of the properties of rocks are related to their texture. Recall some uses of rocks.	Describe the structures of the Earth and the composition of atmosphere State the difference between lava and magma. Describe how igneous and metamorphic rocks are formed. Explain how the grain size is	Describe how weathering can break up rocks. Describe different types of weathering. Define the terms erosion, abrasion and sediment Describe how weathered rocks are eroded.	Define compaction and cementation. Describe how sedimentary rocks are formed. Describe the texture of some sedimentary rocks. Describe the texture of some sedimentary rocks.	State the difference between a mineral and an ore. Describe how metals are obtained. Identify ways in which mining can harm the environment. Describe some advantages of recycling metals.	

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Term 2	SOLAR SYSTEM(Science Topic)					VOLCANOES & EARTHQUAKES		
	Know how the model of solar system worked	Know the causes for seasons	Know the Earth's magnetic field	Know how gravity affects the solar system	Know what is beyond solar system	Where do volcanoes and Earthquakes happen?	How do volcanoes and earthquakes happen?	What are Volcanoes ?
	Recall solar system Explain some ways to investigate planets Compare different models of solar system.	Recall seasons Explain different reasons for change of seasons. Describe patterns of light and dark at the earth's poles using models.	Recall the properties of magnets Describe Earth's magnetic field and explain how it affects a compass. Explain how to find the shape of the magnetic	Recall the factors that affect the strength of gravity. Calculate gravity of an object of given mass. Explain how gravity affects objects in space.	Differentiate different bodies in the solar system. Explain Stars, constellations, milky way. Describe light year.	To learn about the distribution of volcanoes and earthquakes	Understand how volcanoes and earthquakes happen.	Know the cross section of volcanoes
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Term 2	VOLCANOES and EARTHQUAKES							
	What happens when a volcano erupts?	What happens in an Earthquake?	What happened in the Indian Ocean earthquake?	How can the earthquake danger be reduced?	Two earthquakes compared.	Revision for the final exams		
	Understand what happens when a volcano erupts.	Know of the hazards caused by violent earthquakes	Learn about damage caused by the Indian earthquake of 2006.	Understand ways to reduce dangers caused by the earthquake .	Students understand what can be done to reduce the worst effects	Review concepts learnt in 1.Solar System 2.Volcanoes and Earthquakes		
YEAR 9 LONG TERM PLAN with CURRICULUM STANDARDS								
YEAR 9	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	WEEK 6	WEEK 7	WEEK 8
Term 1	RIVER ENVIRONMENT							
	The Hydrological Cycle	Drainage basins and their features	River regimes and Hydrographs	Fluvial processes	Down stream changes in river characteristics	Down stream changes in river landscapes	River Tay and its valley	Water uses, demand and supply
	How water moves through the hydrological cycle. Know the importance of water quality ; the shortage and supply of clean water.	Know the main features of a drainage basin. Research and explore why it was so important to increase the supply of irrigation water to south-east Spain.	Know the factors affecting river Explore in what ways are the two Chinese water projects helping the growth of its economy.	Know how the characteristics of river channels and valleys change Analyze the advantages and disadvantages of the Grand Renaissance Dam project.	Know how the characteristics of river channels and valleys Know the causes of river flooding , and how to predict and prevent it.	Know the difference between upland and Know the physical processes that affect the coast.	Locate the drainage basin of the RiverTay and study the Recognise the influence of geology, vegetation and sea - level changes on coastal environments.	Know the rising demand for water and the creation of areas To analyze the role of erosional and depositional processes in the development of coast landforms.
Term 1								
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Term 2	COASTAL ENVIRONMENTS							
	Coastal Ecosystems of the world.	Coastal Ecosystems characteristics	Coastal Ecosystems under threat	Management of the mangrove	Coastal conflicts	Coastal flooding	Coastal management Strategies	Coastal management in Gambia
	Understand the distributions and features of the world's coastal ecosystems.	Differentiate between the abiotic and biotic characteristics of one named coastal ecosystem.	Know how coastal ecosystems are being threatened by people and their activities.	Analyze the benefits provided by mangroves in Bangladesh and how salt marshes are attractive to industry.	Know that there are conflicts between different users of the coast , with each having their own views on coastal management.	Analyze the causes of coastal flooding and how to predict and prevent it.	Evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of different coastal management strategies.	Justify and promote the case of the Gambia for outside help with coastal management.
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	COASTAL ENVIRONMENTS		HAZARDOUS ENVIRONMENT					

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Term 2	Coastal management in Srilanka	Coastal management in the UK	Different types of hazard.	Tropical cyclones	Volcanic eruptions and earthquakes	Scale of Tectonic hazards	Impact of Tectonic hazards	Earthquakes in Nepal/ Central Italy/ Mount Erap
	Evaluate which has a higher priority: dealing with the coastal erosion in S.W Sri Lanka or the pollution of coastal waters.	Interpret the locations where 'Hold the line' is the coastal management option.	Know the three types of natural hazard -tropical cyclones, volcanic eruptions and earthquakes.	Understand the causes of Tropical cyclones.	Know the causes of volcanic eruptions and earthquakes.	Apply the scales used in the measurement of different natural hazards.	Analyze the primary and secondary impacts of one volcanic eruption and one earthquake.	Suggest reasons why the Mount Erap eruption caused more deaths and damage than the Mount Ontake eruption.