

Rising Stars Geography Topic List

KEY STAGE	YEAR	TOPIC NAME	ENQUIRY QUESTION	MAIN CURRICULUM FOCUS	BIG FINISH
KEY STAGE 1	YEAR 1	Our Local Area	What's it like where we live?	Use maps to identify the UK and its countries	Make 3D models of your local area
		People and their Communities	Where in the world do these people live?	Understand geographical features by contrasting the UK with a non-European country	Make a passport ready for take-off!
		Animals and their Habitats	Where do our favourite animals live?	Use compass directions to describe features and routes on a map	Create a 'home in a box'
	YEAR 2	Seasons	What are seasons?	Identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the UK	Create drawings and paintings inspired by seasonal changes
		Journeys: Food	Where does our food come from?	Describe and understand key aspects of human geography, including trade links	Go on a Great British Picnic
		Our Wonderful World	What are the seven wonders of our world?	Devise a map and use basic symbols in a key	Choose your own seven 'wonders of the world'
LOWER KEY STAGE 2	YEAR 3	Climate and Weather	Why is climate important?	Identify seasonal/daily weather patterns in the UK	Produce a 'Big Finish' climate report
		Our World	Where on Earth are we?	Locate the world's countries using maps	Invent a locational map game, quiz or puzzle
		Coasts	Do we like to be beside the seaside?	Name geographical regions and their identifying characteristics in the UK	Create a television advert or presentation to promote a coastal area
	YEAR 4	The Americas	Can you come on a Great American Road Trip?	Locate the world's countries using maps, including North and South America	Create a song or rap about America
		Rivers and the Water Cycle	How does the water go round and round?	Describe and understand key aspects of physical geography, including the water cycle	Design and make a model river
		Earthquakes and Volcanoes	How does the Earth shake, rattle and roll?	Describe and understand key aspects of physical geography, including volcanoes	Make a real-life 'erupting' volcano
UPPER KEY STAGE 2	YEAR 5	Changes in our Local Environment	How is our country changing?	Identify geographical characteristics of the UK, and understand how some have changed over time	Create pieces of art that represent your local area
		Europe: A Study of the Alpine Region	Where should we go on holiday?	Locate the world's countries, using maps	Create your very own mobile app about the Alpine region
		Journeys: Trade	Where does all our stuff come from?	Use maps, atlases and digital mapping to locate countries and describe features	Write an adventure story about the journey of your chosen product
	YEAR 6	South America: The Amazon	What is life like in the Amazon?	Understand similarities and differences of a region of the UK, and a region within South America	Produce an exciting stop-motion animation
		Protecting the Environment	Are we damaging our world?	Describe and understand aspects of human geography, including settlement and land use	Develop a campaign to help protect the planet
		Our World in the Future	How will our world look in the future?	Name and locate counties and cities of the UK, and understand how some aspects have changed over time	Create your own plan for the future of your local area