Year 9

	<u>Ecosystems</u>	<u>Tectonic Hazards</u>	Superpowers	Urban Issues and	<u>Tourism</u>	The Power of Trees
Unit	(7 weeks)	(7 weeks)	(6 weeks)	<u>Challenges</u>	<u>Issue Evaluation</u>	(7 weeks)
				(6 weeks)	(6 weeks)	Fieldwork
Knowledge	The characteristics of different ecosystems.  What food chains are and how they differ.  Where biomes are located and why.  Rainforests (Amazon Rainforest)  Location recap—features / structure.  Plant Adaptations  Deforestation—causes and effects and management  The threats to local people and biodiversity.  Hot environments  Adaptations, features and location of this biome  Challenges faced and the opportunities for development in this biome.	What hazards are. The structure of the Earth and plate margins. What plate boundaries are and how they affect hazards. The distinctive features of volcanoes. Case study of a volcanic eruption The benefits and challenges faced living in a hazard zone What are earthquakes and how they form A detailed case study of a chosen hazard (tsunami). Management of hazards (3Ps)	What/who are superpowers and how do they influence our life.  - How does the USA affect the rest of the world?  - Impact of superpower status on migration: Mexico—USA migration.  - China: an emerging superpower  - China's investment in Africa  - Middle East growth and influence on the world, including oil  - How power is being extended through space exploration, including India's space programme  - Superpowers and conflict	What urbanisation & rural- urban migration is.  What are megacities and where are they.  Mumbai  - Location and importance  - Opportunities in Mumbai  - Challenges to living in Mumbai  - Solutions to social and economic challenges in Mumbai (design slum presentation)	The location of tourist areas around the world.  Why tourism is important in the UK and Yorkshire.  What mass tourism is and the benefits and costs.  What ecotourism is and the benefits and costs.  Decision Making  Making the correct decision for developing tourism in St Lucia.  National Parks within the UK—where are they and the challenges they face	The different types of trees which exist.  Where different trees are located.  How trees can solve flooding.  How trees can solve global warming.  How trees can solve urban problems.  How trees can solve poverty.
<u>Skills</u>	Process comprehension— latitude, altitude and impact on ecosystems Links to sustainability Developing comparative skills Analysing pictures and videos	Problem solving  OS / topographic and choropleth maps  Data analysis—cropprices / maths CC links.  Comparative skills  Developing explanation	Developing explanation through chains of reasoning Identifying countries on maps Developing reading techniques Analysing maps, graphs, pictures and videos	Analysing maps and sources Comparisons Analysing key sources. Developing skills in explanation, using chains of reasoning. Problem solving Collaborative work	Decision making  Analysing a variety of data sources  Analysis of information  Problem solving  Evaluation  Developing reading techniques  Developing skills in explanation, using chains of reasoning.  Identifying regions on a map	Collaborative work  Developing explanation, using chains of reasoning.  Developing the use of human and physical keywords.  Analysing key sources.  Developing decision making.