

# Ashlawn Transition Year 6 to 7

## Subject: Geography

### Why is it important to study Geography?

"Geography is the subject which holds the key to our future" - Michael Palin.

The world in which we live is always changing. By studying geography you can participate more fully in the excitement, enjoyment and challenge of this changing world. Geography explains why changes are happening and helps to prepare you for them. It will help you to develop a knowledge and understanding of current events from the local area to the global, and encourage you to appreciate different landscapes and cultures around the world. You will develop a wide range of useful skills that overlap with many other subjects, for example literacy and numeracy skills, problem solving skills, data collection skills.

### How many lessons will I have over two weeks?

You will have 4 lessons over 2 weeks

### What will I be studying in Year 7?

- ✪ **What is geography?** What is the subject about? What are your personal connections to Geography?
- ✪ **Map Skills-** map symbols, direction, grid references, scale, relief
- ✪ **The Geography of the UK-** Britain's climate and landscape, population and migration, and local environments
- ✪ **Out of Africa-** Physical features e.g. climate, human features e.g. lifestyles in Kenya
- ✪ **Picture Postcard-** Global tourism, mountain environments, coastal environments, sustainability
- ✪ **The Middle East-** Physical features e.g. climate and ecosystems, human features e.g. population and resources, conflict
- ✪ **World Issues-** Global warming, weather hazards, and more!

### What subject specific skills will I be developing in Year 7?

You will develop a wide range of skills through the study of different topics. These skills involve defining geographical key terms, describing and explaining key ideas, analysing data, photos, maps and graphs, literacy and numeracy skills, problem solving skills, team work and enquiry skills.

### What could I do before I come to Ashlawn to prepare for my studies in geography?

- ❖ You can look at the list of topics that you will study during Year 7 and do some independent research using a range of resources- internet, books, leaflet, magazines, newspapers, etc.
- ❖ Think about the geography work/projects that you have looked at in your primary school. Maybe you could put together some examples to bring to your first geography lesson!
- ❖ Take some photos of places that you visit during the summer, or collect some postcards on your travels, and bring them in to create a display and use in your first geography lesson.
- ❖ Look at the geography that surrounds you and ask questions. For example, what technology brands do you have at home, and where do those brands originate? What vegetation do you have in your garden? What animals live in your garden? What is your furniture made of? Where did the materials come from? Where has the food for your meals come from? Where does the electricity you use come from? How does this affect the environment?

### What else would you recommend to help my understanding of geography?

Look at the web links below to familiarise yourself with more geography!

- ★ Why should I be interested in geography? [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VUr3s\\_zfWn8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VUr3s_zfWn8)
- ★ Why geography matters, by Google Earth: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PPGuhJe6Qao>
- ★ BBC Science and Environment stories: [https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science\\_and\\_environment](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science_and_environment)
- ★ BBC Bitesize Map Skills: [http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/geography/geographical\\_skills/maps\\_rev1.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/geography/geographical_skills/maps_rev1.shtml)
- ★ Map Skills Games: Ordnance Survey Website: <http://mapzone.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/mapzone/games.html>