



## Welcome

Geography is the study of the world around us. This could be your immediate environment including school and Pontefract, but also far off reaches of Earth. We will look at the natural world, known as Physical Geography, but also how we interact with the world and each other. This is known as Human Geography.

## What will I study?

In Year 7 you will be studying the following topics:

- **Map Skills** – This topic introduces you to the subjects and skills needed to read and understand maps. These are skills you will need and will build on all the way through the years that you study Geography.
- **Fantastic Places** – In this topic you will study many aspects of Geography through many fantastic places around the world. For example, we will study rivers and waterfalls through looking at the River Ganges and the Victoria Falls. Sustainable and unsustainable living will be studied through looking at Beijing, Las Vegas, and Dubai.
- **Your Geography** – In this unit we will be looking at your local area. We will look at areas in decline, for example where shops and businesses have closed, and then also look at something called regeneration, where new buildings are built to improve an area, for example the new leisure centre in Pontefract. We will also look at crime in Pontefract: how it is different in different parts of the town and how it compares to Leeds. Your Geography also includes Globalisation which includes issues such as where your things come from. For example, why do a lot of the things that we buy come from China and how has Coronavirus affected this?

## Will I need any special equipment?

No, as long as you have a pencil, pen and ruler you will be fine!

## Activity for you to try

Below is an activity that you might want to do to before coming to The King's School in September. **Globalisation – Where do your things come from?** Go around your house and find out where your things have come from or where they are made. You might have tomatoes from Spain, a jumper from Bangladesh or a phone from China. How many different countries can you find?

Try to complete the table. If you cannot print it off, just use a piece of paper.



| Item | Where does it come from? | Item | Where does it come from? | Item | Where does it come from? |
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