



Year 6 Rationale

Autumn 2nd Half Term

Extraordinary World

In Autumn, Year 6 pupils explore 'Mountains, Volcanoes and Earthquakes,' focusing on the interconnectedness between landscapes and human experiences. This theme drives their inquiry into questions like: "Why does the landscape look the way it does?" and "How does geography impact lives?" By engaging with these questions, the children begin to appreciate the relationships between the Earth's features and the communities that thrive within them. To synthesise their findings, the children will create a non-fiction report. This exercise will enhance their writing skills by incorporating elements such as colons, parentheses, and bullet points, while also emphasising the importance of formal and passive voice. This emphasis on effective communication not only supports their ability to convey complex ideas clearly but also deepens their understanding of the topic.

Building on this foundation, the exploration of real-life stories will inspire creative writing, allowing children to experiment with dramatic tones and rich vocabulary. This creative expression enhances their academic work by encouraging critical and empathetic thinking about the human narratives linked to geographical phenomena. Alongside this, the children will study mountain landscapes through the lens of Roerich in art, developing skills in charcoal and watercolour. This will enable them to visualise and express their understanding, further reinforcing the connections between geography and human experience. Finally, the children will enhance their computing skills by creating presentations and plotting climate graphs. This integration of technology not only supports their research but also ties back to our overarching theme of interconnectedness, illustrating how geography shapes both the world and the lives within it.