

## **GEOGRAPHY**

**Teacher in charge - Mr P. Rowe**

### **Aims**

- To build upon the geography experienced by pupils in primary school
- To develop the pupils' skills and knowledge in line with the requirements of the National Curriculum
- To foster a sense of awe and wonder about the world

### **Course description**

#### Unit 1 –Places

This unit involves examining a range of places. The aim is to give pupils a solid grounding in the geography of the entire planet. To this end we look at each continent in turn and study the countries that make up that continent. Students will complete maps at a range of scales and become proficient at working with an atlas. Extension tasks involve studying an aspect of the geography or culture of countries and regions in more depth. For example the Skeleton Coast in south-west Africa, the city of Barcelona or China's territorial claims in the South China Sea.

#### Unit 2 – Maps

Pupils learn to improve their map skills using atlases and, in particular, Ordnance Survey maps of the local area.

### **Range of activities**

Pupils will use resources such as textbooks, worksheets, maps, aerial and satellite photographs, video, GIS (such as Google Earth) and the internet. Enquiry, group presentations and discussion work are just some of the teaching methods used.

### **Homework**

20 minutes per week in rotation with History.

### **Assessment**

Assessment is informal and ongoing. In addition there are a number of tests based on the work done in Unit 1 spaced throughout the year and an end of year examination.