

Rainford High School – Department: Geography

	Year 8 Curriculum					
	Half-Term 1	Half-Term 2	Half-Term 3	Half-Term 4	Half-Term 5	Half-Term 6
Topic	Globalisation	Globalisation	Superpowers	Superpowers	Fantastic Places	Extreme Weather
<b>Essential knowledge, skills and understanding</b>	<p><b>What is globalisation?</b> - develop an understanding of globalisation, link to transport and communication developments in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Types of globalisation Advantages and disadvantages of globalisation <b>TNC's and globalisation</b> What is a TNC and the advantages/ disadvantages <b>McDonalds</b> – A globalisation case study <b>Glocalisation</b> or how McDonalds makes us feel special</p>	<p><b>Nike in Indonesia</b>- positives and negatives of Nike: the truth behind the swoosh <b>The cost of Nike</b> - how much does it really cost to make a pair of Nike trainers? <b>What are the environmental consequences of globalisation?</b> Impacts of Palm Oil - Investigation into the global demands for Palm oil and the impacts on the environment <b>Solutions to Globalisation</b> - strategies to reduce the negative effects of globalisation Fair trade, Localism, Resource Recycling etc</p>	<p><b>What is a superpower?</b> What are the pillars of power? <b>Changing Power: A history of Superpowers.</b> How and why the influence and power a country has over other countries changes over time. <b>Superpowers: Opportunities and Challenges</b> <b>The rise of the BRICS: SWOT</b> analysis- Assess the strengths and weakness of the BRIC Who has the potential be the next superpower?</p>	<p><b>Is the USA still a superpower?</b> Positive and negative effects the Trump administration has had on the USA.  China vs. the USA - Compare the characteristics of China and the USA,  Military Strength: USA vs North Korea Which of these two nations has the most powerful military.  The threat of Russia: Russia in the Ukraine.</p>	<p><b>Svalbard:</b> - Location and Climate - Dangers and Challenges - Svalbard's unique attractions including the Northern Lights and the Seed Vault.  <b>Desert:</b> - Locations and climate - Death Valley - what makes it fantastic? <b>Micro Climates</b> – factors that influence local climates and application to Rainford school - Sliding Stones Mystery Theories of the mystery of the moving stones at Racetrack Playa</p>	<p><b>Introduction:</b> What is weather and climate? <b>Weather of the UK</b> - Rainfall in the UK - What is a depression? - Impacts on people - What is a blocking anticyclone and the challenges of heatwaves? <b>Is extreme weather in the UK increasing?</b> - Greenhouse effect, global warming and climate change - Consequences of climate destabilisation and a warmer world - Solutions to GW</p>

<p><b>Assessments and assessment focus</b></p>	<p>Retrieval testing of knowledge organiser</p> <p><b>Homework:</b> How globalised are you?</p> <p><b>Formative assessment:</b> Explain how globalisation has made the world smaller. The growth of McDonalds has only had a positive influence around the World.' Discuss.</p>	<p>Retrieval testing of knowledge organiser</p> <p><b>Homework: Design a sustainable Nike Shoe/Design a Palm Oil Poster</b></p> <p><b>Formative Assessment: ASSESSMENT WINDOW 1 – Globalisation</b></p>	<p>Retrieval testing of knowledge organiser</p> <p><b>Homework:</b> Factfile on the British Empire – the world's first superpower</p> <p><b>Formative assessment:</b></p> <p>'Of the BRIC nations, China is the mostly likely to become a global superpower.' To what extent do you agree with this statement?</p>	<p>Retrieval testing of knowledge organiser</p> <p><b>Homework: Factfile on Russia in Ukraine</b></p> <p><b>Formative assessment:</b></p> <p>'China is a threat to the USA's superpower status.' To what extent do you agree?</p>	<p>Retrieval testing of knowledge organiser</p> <p><b>Homework:</b> Newspaper article on the Mystery of the moving rocks Factfile on adaptation of plants and animals in hot deserts</p> <p><b>Formative assessment:</b></p> <p><b>ASSESSMENT WINDOW 2 - Superpowers</b></p>	<p>Retrieval testing of knowledge organiser</p> <p><b>Homework:</b> Produce a poster to help people cope with the challenges of heatwave conditions</p> <p><b>Formative assessment:</b> 'The weather of the UK is becoming more extreme' Use evidence to discuss this statement. (6 marks)</p>

