## **Geography - Year 3 and Year 4**

Below are the geography units that children will study across Year 3 and Year 4 at The Rydal Academy. They are split in to half terms or terms depending on the length of the unit. There is a brief explanation of each focus area and suggestions for activities that you can do with your child at home to support their learning.

	Year 3	Year 4
	What more can we discover about the UK?	What more can we discover about Europe?
Autumn 1	Children will learn more about the UK and will explore different types of settlements found in our country. They will learn about the counties of the UK and which one we live in, as well as how land is used to support our everyday lives.  TRIP: Farm  FIELDWORK: Land use investigation	Children will explore Europe in more depth. They will use maps, atlases and globes to identify European countries and will make comparisons between European cities such as Nice (France) and Stockholm (Sweden) and UK towns/cities studied so far.  What will you score on this fun Europe quiz? <a href="https://www.educationquizzes.com/ks2/geography/europe/">https://www.educationquizzes.com/ks2/geography/europe/</a>
Autumn 2	Read this article about different settlements found in the UK: <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zx72pv4/articles/zrbvjhv">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zx72pv4/articles/zrbvjhv</a> . Complete the matching activity at the bottom of the page.	Let your teacher know your score!
	How does life in an Italian region compare to life in County Durham?	What is the difference between a biome and a climate zone?
Spring 1	Children will learn about the geography of County Durham and the cities and towns within it. They will explore the Bay of Naples in Italy and compare how life and its key human and physical features are different to those found in County Durham.	Children will learn about what a biome is and a climate zone. They will learn about different biomes and climate zones in the world and will use maps and their knowledge of the world to explain and identify them.
	Watch this video showing the different regions of Italy:	Make a colourful poster showing the difference between biomes and climate zones. Use these websites to help you:
Spring 2	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J UTXHXTidw. Make a list of the physical and human features that you can see. How is it different to County Durham?	Climate: <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z849q6f/articles/z7dkhbk">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z849q6f/articles/z7dkhbk</a> Biomes: <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z849q6f/articles/z7dkhbk">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z849q6f/articles/z7dkhbk</a>
	Why does Italy shake and roar?	What can we discover about North America?
Summer 1	Children will continue to learn about Italy and will learn all about earthquakes and volcanoes.  They will look at what causes them, their features and how they can impact the lives of people.	Children will learn about the continent North America and the countries within it. They will focus mainly on the United States and will make comparisons between two of the most famous cities in the world: New York City and London.
Summer 2	Read these two websites containing information about earthquakes and volcanoes and have a go at answering the quizzes!  Volcanoes: <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z849q6f/articles/zd9cxyc">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z849q6f/articles/zd9cxyc</a> Earthquakes: <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z849q6f/articles/zj89t39">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z849q6f/articles/zj89t39</a>	Watch <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H5tncvdWyeU">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H5tncvdWyeU</a> and research the Statue of Liberty (a famous landmark in New York City) and create a small fact sheet about it and how it ended up in the United States of America! If you can, look at a world map and try and work out how it may have travelled to America.