KS3 GRADE DESCRIPTORS

Target Grade: .....

Geography

	Knowledge (AO1)	Explanation (AO2)	Application (AO3)	Skills (AO4)
Pre -Foundational	•I know a few geographical words •I have an awareness about a few places and environments around the world	•I can identify a link between physical and human processes •I can show a little understanding of places, environments and processes.	•I can use a little geographical knowledge to understand information •I know of a few examples to support my geographical understanding	• I can sometimes complete a simple calculation • I can sometimes use a map, atlas and a graph to find information
Foundational	• I can use a few geographical key words. • I know a little about places and environments around the world.	• I can identify simple links between people and the environment. • I can show some understanding of geographical ideas.	• I can use some geographical knowledge to understand information. • I sometimes use examples to support my ideas.	• I can complete simple calculations. • I can use some maps, atlases and graphs to find information
Emerging	• I can use some geographical key words correctly. • I know about different places and environments from local to global scales.	• I can explain some links between physical and human geography. • I understand some geographical concepts.	• I can interpret geographical information using my knowledge. • I can make simple judgements using evidence.	• I can calculate simple numerical data. • I can use maps, atlases and graphs to answer questions. • I can take part in fieldwork with support
Developing	• I can use a range of geographical terms correctly. • I have a reasonable knowledge of places and environments around the world.	• I can explain links between physical and human geography. • I understand how geographical concepts relate to different places.	• I can analyse geographical information. • I can use evidence and case studies to make simple judgements.	• I can accurately calculate a range of numerical data. • I can use maps, atlases and graphs to investigate questions. • I can carry out simple fieldwork with support.
Secure	• I consistently use geographical terminology accurately. • I have detailed knowledge of places and environments from local to global scales.	• I can explain geographical processes in detail. • I understand how geographical concepts are connected.	• I can analyse a wide range of geographical information. • I can use data, evidence and case studies to make well-supported judgements.	• I can accurately calculate numerical data. • I can confidently use maps, graphs, atlases and other sources. • I can carry out detailed fieldwork independently.
Advanced	• I always use geographical terminology accurately and confidently. • I have excellent knowledge of places, environments and geographical features.	• I can fully explain complex geographical processes and connections. • I show a sophisticated understanding of geographical concepts.	• I can analyse and evaluate information in depth. • I can use evidence, data and case studies to make well-reasoned judgements.	• I can consistently calculate numerical data accurately. • I can independently investigate geographical questions using a wide range of sources. • I can plan and carry out thorough fieldwork independently.