Ridgeway Academy Geography Curriculum Map Year 7									
	Topic 1	Topic 2	Topic 3	Topic 4	Topic 5	Topic 6			
Content	What is Geography? •Understanding what geography involves •Baseline assessment on maps, physical/human geography •Human and physical world •Local area and location in the world	Geographical Skills Map skills: Symbols, grid references, distances, directions, contours, latitude and longitude. Map making tasks	Raging Rivers • What rivers are and how water flows into them • How weathering, erosion and transport create river landforms. • Why rivers are important to people • Understand drainage basins • Flood case study (Boscastle), inc. management.	Incredible India Exploration of this diverse country – culture, environment, weather/climate, jobs, development and future changes. Living in India game and decision making.	Does Antarctica Need Protecting? Focus on cold environment, adventure travel and introduce environmental issues/sustainability, food chains and webs. Campaign for future of Antarctica.	How can we protect our environment? • Environmental issues and biodiversity			
Skills	 Using photos Using maps Cause and effect Describing places 	Range of map skills identified above. Maps at various scales and different locations.	Identify river features on OS maps and images, Explaining processes of erosion, transport and deposition. Explaining stages in formation of landforms Use an OS map to draw a cross-section of a river valley Identify causes, effects and responses.	Using maps, photos, evidence to investigate place. Climate graphs Empathy	 Researching and presenting information Climate graphs De Bonos Thinking Hats Food chains and webs 	Environmental awareness and understanding of sustainability			
Key Questions	What is geography? Where do we live in the world?	 How can we use maps? How can we find places and navigate? How can we create a map? 	Why are rivers important? Identify, describe and explain river landforms using IDEAL paragraphs. What happened to Mrs McCormack's TeaRoom?	 Where is India? What is India like? What is the culture of India? How is India changing? How is the population of India growing? Where do people in India work? What is the future for India? 	 What is Antarctica like? Why is it important? How do plants and animals survive in Antarctica? What is the future for Antactica? What can we learn from Antarctica? 	What biodiversity is there on our school site? How can we help wildlife and protect the planet?			

Assessment	Baseline assessment task – basic skills, photo analysis and structured writing.	Map making task and assessment based on the key map skills learnt.	 IDEAL paragraphs Annotated tinfoil models of a meander Sketches on the table of a waterfall River Assessment 	●India assessment — challenges and opportunities of living in India extended writing	● 'Destroy to Enjoy' or 'Penguins for protection' campaign making task	●Environment Project
Literacy/Numeracy/ SMSC/Character	Keywords: Geography, Physical world, Human world, Environmental world Locate, Describe, Explain, Compare	Keywords: Maps, Latitude, Longitude, Symbols, Grid references, Scale, Direction, Distance, Key Map skills Local knowledge	Keywords: interception, store, flow, infiltrate, runoff, watershed, hydrologist, abrasion, attrition, hyraulic action, solution, transported, deposition, cross-profile, long-profile, v-shaped valley, waterfall, plunge pool, gorge, meander, oxbow lake, river cliff and beach, lateral erosion, vertical erosion, bradshaw model. Understanding processes and landforms	Keywords: India, Culture, Physical/Human, Diversity, Climate, Industry, Population, Development Locate, describe, explain, compare, discuss, evaluate, independent research Cultural diversity and migration	Keywords: Antarctica, Treaty, Cold desert, Ice shelf, Explorers, Ocean, Food chain/web, Tourism Organisation and teamwork	Keywords: Wildlife, Biodiversity, Climate change, Pollution, Ecosystems, Sustainability Teamwork, community cohesion and environmental protection, leadership
Curricular links	Science – habitats and climate change/environmental issues	Maths – co-ordinates	Prior Learning: What is a Geographer? OS Map Skills. Natural resources, and how rivers are used for industry, weather and climate. Future learning: GCSE Geography, physical landscapes of the UK Science: Water cycle.	History – The Raj and colonial rule, Free Tibet, P&E – Hinduism, Buddhism etc.	Science - Food chains and webs History - Campaigns	Science – Climate change, food chains, ponds, ecosystems, photosynthesis/plants.
DIP/SIP	Baseline data	Opportunities for local fieldwork and use of school site.	Introduce careers in hydrology. Engaging: Enquiry and modelling.	Cultural diversity/ understanding and empathy	Thinking Skills Future	Eco-schools Community cohesion/volunteering