



@ Cardinal Heenan



Your geography teachers at Cardinal Heenan are very excited to meet you all and explore all of the fascinating things that make geography so interesting. Why not have a go at some of these activities below.

1. My local area

Research -

<https://www.google.com/maps>

Activity – Plan your journey to school

Using google maps, find your house then find Cardinal Heenan – the postcode is L12 9HZ. Describe your journey to school – what do you see along the way. How far is it? How long will it take you to get here?

Now check out these journeys to school from around the world. How do they compare to your journey?



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/22015415>

2. Asking questions

In order to be a good geographer you must ask questions – **all** the time! Geographers can ask questions about anything and everything! Some common questions we can ask include:

Where is it?

Why is it like that?

How did it get like that?

How is it changing?

What is the significance of that location?

What will it look like in the future.



Use the image above and see what questions you can ask, then have a go at answering them. Search the internet for other interesting images and ask the same questions.

3. Current affairs

When learning about geography, it is important to keep up with current affairs. Every day the news is full of related stories and quite often there will be news stories linked to what you are currently learning. Find an article or story linked to geography every day – these websites are full of interesting features and news related to geography. See if you can find any others.

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/> <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround>

https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science_and_environment



Science & Environment

4. Fantastic Places

The first topic you will learn about in year 7 is 'Fantastic Places'. The earth is literally full of fantastic places. Which fantastic places have you been to? Which fantastic places would you like to visit? Choose a place and create a factfile for that place. In your factfile you should aim to include:

a) A map and description to show the location of the place



Machu Picchu can be found in the South American country of Peru. It is located in southern Peru in the mountain range known as the Cordillera Oriental. It is located on a mountain ridge approximately 7,790 ft above sea level.

b) Images of the fantastic place with descriptions



Machu Picchu is a 15th Century Inca citadel that most archaeologists believe was constructed as an estate for the Inca Emperor Pachacuti sometime between 1450-1460. It is the most familiar icon of Inca civilisation.

c) An explanation of why you think it is fantastic and why you would like to visit

I think Machu Picchu is fantastic because of the incredible landscape and breath-taking views. It is surrounded by high mountain peaks and the Inca ruins are truly amazing. The engineering genius and precision of the Incas is simply stunning. The technique called ashlar where blocks of stone are cut to fit tightly together without mortar. The stones are so precise that a blade cannot be inserted between them. And the fact that it is still standing, over 550 years after it was built is testament to the Incas' ability to survive earthquakes, torrential rain and storms, and now heavy tourism. In addition, the ruins are surrounded by lush green mountains. Archaeologists still debate the original function and purpose of the estate. Finally, Machu Picchu is one of the New Seven Wonders of the World and was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1983. I would love to visit Machu Picchu to experience the Inca culture and to trek along the Inca Trail through the stunning countryside which leads to the ultimate destination.

