Year 8 Unit 2 Overview - Climate Change and Antarctica

What are our impacts on the environment and how should we protect it?



You will learn about:

- Causes and effects of pollution
- Fossil fuels and the consequences of burning them
- The Greenhouse effect and how we reduce this
- Antarctica: how it is threatened and how it could be managed in the future

You will be able to:

- Describe the causes and effects of pollution
- Discuss the impacts of fossil fuels
- Compare the social, economic and environmental threats to Antarctica and predict how it could be managed in the future
- Use literacy (PEEL, PEAL),numeracy,(graph and data skills) and map skills

Lesson Overview

- 1. What are the causes and effects of pollution?
- 2. Where should Britain's energy come from?
- 3. How does the greenhouse effect work?
- 4. What are the effects of climate change?
- 5. How can we reduce our greenhouse gases?
- 6. Where is Antarctica and what is it like?
- 7. How are animals adapted to live in Antarctica?
- 8. Why does Antarctica need to be protected?
- 9. What should be allowed in Antarctica?
- 10. Consolidation and Revision
- 11. End of unit test
- 12. DIT

Key Words:

Industrial Pollution- the damaging of the environment and people by industry

Environment- the natural surroundings where people, plants and animals live

Renewable resources – resources that can be used over and over again. They will never run out.

Fossil fuels – non- renewable energy source from remains of ancient plants (coal, oil, natural gas)

Sustainability - using the earth's resources without harming the environment today so that they are still available for future generations

Global warming - the warming of the earth's atmosphere

Greenhouse effect – the collection of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere which trap the sun's heat

Protect – to look after

Exploit – to make use of something in an unfair way for profit

Non-renewable resources- resources that cannot be used over and over again so will run out eventually.

Suggested reading

Fiction books:

Can you Survive Antarctica? An interactive adventure by Rachel Hanel

Floodland by Marcus Sedgwick

The Last Wild trilogy by Piers Torday

Non-fiction articles available on showbie.

Cross curricular

SMSC: develop a critical understanding of the social impacts of pollution and moral responsibility for protecting fragile environments. Develop spiritual and cultural understanding of attitudes towards renewables.

Literacy: use of PEEL to explain and connectives to compare and contrast information. Understanding of key geographical terms.

Numeracy: Use of ratios and percentages in comparing effects of energy sources. Line graph construction and analysis. Working out mean averages.

Research	Note-making	Group work &	Memorisation	Precision &	Independence	Reflection
		discussion		accuracy		