



## Big Thinking - Geography

Geography students have worked hard this year and to outline some ideas of how to deepen their learning over the summer break as anything students can do outside of the classroom to apply the knowledge they have learnt is invaluable to aid their learning and application skills.

- As we head into the summer there will be a lot of reports in the news about geographical events (e.g. droughts, floods, energy security). Following the 'geography in the news' enables geographers to enhance their understanding of the processes and examples they have learnt in the classroom & experience & understand them in different contexts. Ideas for research and application of this could be to compare events in the news with events that they have studied, for example causes, effects & responses.
  
- Reading a book over the summer would also be another activity our geographers would benefit from. Some good books to choose from are listed below.
  - **Why Geography Matters: More Than Ever** by Harm de Blij
  - **Prisoners of Geography** by Tim Marshall
  - **The Revenge of Geography** by Robert D. Kaplan
  - **The Geography of Genius** by Eric Weiner
  - **Beyond the Map** by Alastair Bonnett
  - **On the Map** by Simon Garfield
  
- Reading a good quality geography magazine (Wide World; Geography Review) is also an excellent way to see geography come to life and copies of these are available in school. In addition we can arrange a reduced subscription to these magazines for students – please let me know if you would like a subscription set up.

- Finally there are some excellent podcasts that students can access on <https://player.fm/featured/geography> with over 600 different podcasts, all things geographical which you can dip in and out of or pick one that particularly peaks your interest.

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