

## **PARENTS CAN HELP TOO**

Your child will be given a booklet for each topic they do in Year 8 Geography. The booklets should be stored safely in a slim file. Check the standard of presentation in the booklet. To help keep presentation neat, it would be useful if your son/daughter had a few colouring pencils in his/her pencil case. Booklets should also be up-to-date with no gaps. The PowerPoint used in class to help teach each topic will be made available in the 'Year 8 All Geography' Google classroom. If there are gaps in your son/daughter's booklet, you may be able to help them catch up using the relevant PowerPoint. At the front of each booklet is a page with specific details of what is taught in that topic and you can use this to help your son/daughter revise for tests and exams. The following topics, also listed in the 'Big Picture' your child will have, are taught in Year 8 Geography.

### **INTRODUCTION TO GEOGRAPHY**

- \* Have an atlas available in your home. Look up countries when their names occur on news bulletins, planning for holidays, etc. Ask your child to identify the continent to which different countries belong. Work with latitude and longitude references when using the atlas.
- \* When taking longer journeys, familiarise your child with town/county names and generally establish a good background knowledge of NI.

### **DOMESTIC WASTE**

- \* Be aware of the Reduce, Reuse, Recycle campaign. Visit the Ecos Centre.
- \* Look at a day's waste from your home; familiarise your child with the arrangements for disposing of waste from your home.

### **ORDNANCE SURVEY**

- \* Encourage your child to read a map whenever an opportunity arises e.g. on information leaflets, maps displayed at a range of public facilities from forest parks to shopping centres, following a trail at a visitor attraction such as the Folk Park, etc.
- \* Keep a copy of the OS sheet for this area in your home – use it to consolidate the map work skills your child will learn in class.

### **WEATHER**

- \* Watch the weather forecast with your child. Ask your son/daughter questions about the weather.
- \* Follow news stories about extreme weather events, particularly hurricanes.

### **SETTLEMENT**

- \* Point out interesting articles in the local newspaper regarding new housing, shopping developments, etc. in Ballymena.
- \* When walking and driving around the town with your son/daughter discuss what you see.