Year 8 – Geography

When	Topic	Assessment	What can a parent do to support?
Autumn 1	Plate Tectonics	Student progress is monitored informally during lessons. More formal assessments based on classwork and homework is ongoing. There is an end of Year examination testing geographical, skills, knowledge and understanding covered through the year.	Watch news programmes or use the internet to research and talk about any earthquakes or volcanoes that occur. Discuss why earthquakes and volcanoes can have different impacts depending on the magnitude and location of the event.
Autumn 2 Spring 1	Ecosystems and Rainforests		Watch television programmes that examine life in deserts, grasslands and woodlands. Discuss the threats that these habitats face from human exploitation. Encourage students to find out about how animals, plants and people adapt to living in the rainforests of the world.
Spring 2	Brazil		Talk about what students already know about Brazil. It isn't just football and rainforest, encourage students to research and introduce new knowledge about this rapidly developing regional economic superpower.
Summer 1	Coasts and Glaciation		Take students on a visit to the seaside and have a close look at the beach and cliffs. What is really going on? Talk about why so many people like to go to the coast for a holiday.
Summer 2	Environmental Issues		Talking about the consequences of global warming and climate change. Discuss what you are doing as a household to reduce your carbon emissions and reduce, reuse and recycle what was previously considered waste.