# Weather:

- Rainfall
- Hurricanes
- Tornadoes
- Drought
- Blizzards

## Assessments:

- Extended writing at midpoint – "which is worse, hurricanes or tornadoes"
- End of unit revision test

#### Rationale:

- Builds on existing knowledge as weather often touched upon at primary school.
- Feeds into rainforests from convectional rainfall and air movement
- Scientific principles behind air movement helps understand concepts that can be applied to mantle movement
- A prominent module at GCSE which will help give them background and context
- Allows them to understand something tangible that affects them every day.

# **Rainforests:**

- Climate
- Structure
- Adaptation
- Human uses
- Sustainability

### Assessments:

# - End of unit revision test

### Rationale:

- Builds on existing knowledge as rainforest often touched upon at primary school.
- Introduces concept of sustainability and our place and part in creating a sustainable world as global citizens
- In doing so, introduces other important aspects of Geography (global, local, social, economic, environmental etc.)
- Introduces the idea of ecosystems as an important geographical concept.
- Provides background for specific GCSE module later on in school.
- Differing world biomes taught throughout KS3, so provides a good intro to information examined and a good comparison or link to others.

# **Settlement:**

- Site and Settlement
- Megacities and urbanisation
- HIC cities
- LIC cities
- Sustainability

### Assessments:

## - End of unit revision test

## Rationale:

- Introduces human Geography as am important facet of the subject
- Defines their place in the world and shows how it differs from others.
- Promotes empathy and global awareness.
- Feeds into following module on Africa well, but provides a basis for much of the human Geography studied.
- Provides context and background which serves them throughout Geography, specifically in GCSE

# Africa:

- Physical landscapes
- Settlements
- Wealth and development
- Opportunities
- Challenges

### Assessments:

#### - End of unit revision test

### Rationale:

- Debunks several misconceptions about Africa that students often carry through school
- Mixes aspects of all topics studied throughout year
- Promotes empathy and global awareness.
- Introduces the important idea of development that threads through many topics and is heavily featured at GCSE and A Level
- Provides context and background which serves them throughout Geography, specifically in GCSE