

THE WORLD AROUND US — GEOGRAPHY &amp; SCIENCE · P4–P7

# An Chósta Ailleach — The Causeway Coast

Geography &amp; Science Activities — P4–P7

## Causeway Coast classroom and fieldwork activities

- **GEOLOGY:** examine basalt samples. Compare colour, texture, weight with limestone and sandstone. Draw the hexagonal column cross-section.
- **HABITAT STUDY:** photograph and identify birds on the Causeway Coast cliffs — puffins, fulmars, razorbills, guillemots. Which birds nest in which positions?
- **CARRICK-A-REDE ROPE BRIDGE:** why was it built? (Salmon fishermen needed to reach the small island.) Research the salmon lifecycle.
- **DARK HEDGES:** research this famous beech tree avenue near Ballymoney. When were the trees planted? Why are they dying?
- **COLUMN GEOMETRY:** why hexagons? Explore how hexagons tile perfectly. Compare to honeycomb. Draw a hexagonal tile pattern.
- **DUNLUCE CASTLE:** research this dramatic cliff-top ruin. Who lived there? When was it abandoned? (Legend: the kitchen fell into the sea during a dinner party.)
- **COASTAL EROSION:** identify signs of erosion on photographs of the Causeway Coast. Arches, stacks, caves — what processes create them?
- **MAP SKILLS:** locate all Causeway Coast attractions on an OS map. Calculate distances between sites.

