

Year group:
Year 2

Term: Autumn 1
(half a term)

Geography
Continents

National Curriculum:
Name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans

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Maps



What I should already know

The UK is in the Northern hemisphere and is surrounded by the North Sea, the Irish Sea and the English Channel.

Key Knowledge and skills

Know there are different ways of representing the Earth. Globes, atlases and maps can show us the Earth in parts or altogether.

The surface of the Earth is divided up into different continents, seas and oceans. There are 7 continents: Africa, Antarctica, Asia, Australia, Europe, North America and South America. The UK is in the continent of Europe. Each continent is a different size and is made up of different physical features.

Continents are very large areas of land usually made up of lots of different countries. Any land submerged by water is known as the sea or the ocean.

The difference between an ocean and a sea is that a sea is surrounded by land which closes it in.

Australia is a country as well as a continent, whilst Antarctica has no countries or people living there because of its extreme temperature.

Oceans are made of salt water and cover about three quarters of the Earth's surface. They have thousands of different creatures living in them.

There are 5 oceans: Arctic Ocean, Atlantic Ocean, Indian Ocean, Pacific Ocean and Southern Ocean.

Key Questions

Can you name the 7 continents?
What is a globe used for?
Can you name the 5 oceans of the world?
What is the difference between an ocean and a sea?

Vocabulary

Atlas	A book containing maps of the Earth, either in parts or altogether
Continent	Large area of land on the surface of the Earth.
Globe	A sphere which shows the true shape of the Earth as well as its surface
Map	Pictures that show features of the Earth. Maps are presented on flat pieces of paper or on a screen.
Ocean	Salty water that makes up most of the surface of the Earth.
Submerged	To be covered by water. Over 70% of the Earth's surface is submerged.
Surface	The outside part of something that you can see.
Sea	A part of the ocean that is closed in by land



The 7 continents of the world.

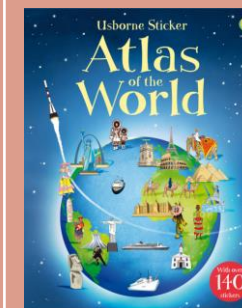
Map



Globe



Atlas



Unit outcome

- By the end of the unit children will be able to
- Use a range of cartographical resources to name, describe and locate each of the world's seven continents and five oceans.
 - Compare, contrast and classify continents according to their size and physical features.
 - Know the difference between oceans and seas and apply this knowledge to their studies.