

The UK and the Wider World

Previous Learning

- We live in England in the county of North Yorkshire
- All of the countries on our planet are located in 7 different continents. These are Europe, Africa, North America, South America, Asia, Australia and Antarctica.
- The continents are surrounded by 5 oceans: the Arctic, Atlantic, Pacific, Indian and Southern oceans.
- Two thirds of the Earth's surface is covered with water. The rest is land.

Core Knowledge

- The four countries of the United Kingdom are England, Scotland, Wales (referred to as Great Britain) and Northern Ireland. Their capital cities are London, Edinburgh, Cardiff and Belfast.
- Great Britain is an island surrounded by the North Atlantic Ocean, the North Sea, the Irish Sea and the English Channel.
- Europe is a continent comprising of 44 different countries with very different identities
- A 'human' geographical feature is one made by humans (a city, a bridge, a house). A 'physical' geographical feature is one created by nature (the sea, a field, a waterfall).
- Asia is the largest continent in the world, housing over half of the world's population! The largest country in Asia is China.
- The Equator is the imaginary line that runs around the centre of the globe, halfway between the North and South Pole. Most places around the Equator are very hot. The continent of Africa is one of these!
- Africa is a very diverse continent - there are cities, beaches, mountains, deserts and rainforests!
- Australia is both a country and a continent. It is much bigger than the UK, but contains far fewer people!
- North America is joined to South America by a narrow strip of land. There are many different countries in North America but the largest is the United States of America (U.S.A) which is made up of 50 different states.
- South America comprises of 12 countries. Some of its most famous sights are the Amazon rainforest, the Galapagos Islands in Equator, Machu Pichu in Peru and the famous Rio Carnival in Brazil!
- The globe is shaped like a sphere. The continent of Antarctica is located in the Southern Hemisphere (the South Pole), at the bottom of the globe. It is cold there all the time! Nobody lives there permanently (apart from the penguins!).

Vocabulary

United Kingdom - made up of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland

Great Britain - the island comprising of England, Scotland and Wales

Globe - a model of Earth

Aerial photographs - photographs taken from space by satellites and joined together to make detailed images

Continent - a large, solid area of land, often separated from other land by water or mountains

Ocean - a huge body of salt water

Atlas - maps of different countries are put together in books called atlases

Ocean - a huge body of salt water

Capital City - often the largest city in a region, where governmental buildings are located

Landmark - a feature of a landscape or town that has importance and makes a place instantly recognisable

Village - small settlements with a small number of houses and a few hundred inhabitants

Population - the number of people living in a certain place

Equator - the Earth's imaginary line that runs around the centre of the globe at equal distance between the North and South Pole

Climate - the average weather conditions over long periods and large areas

Satellite image - a picture taken from space

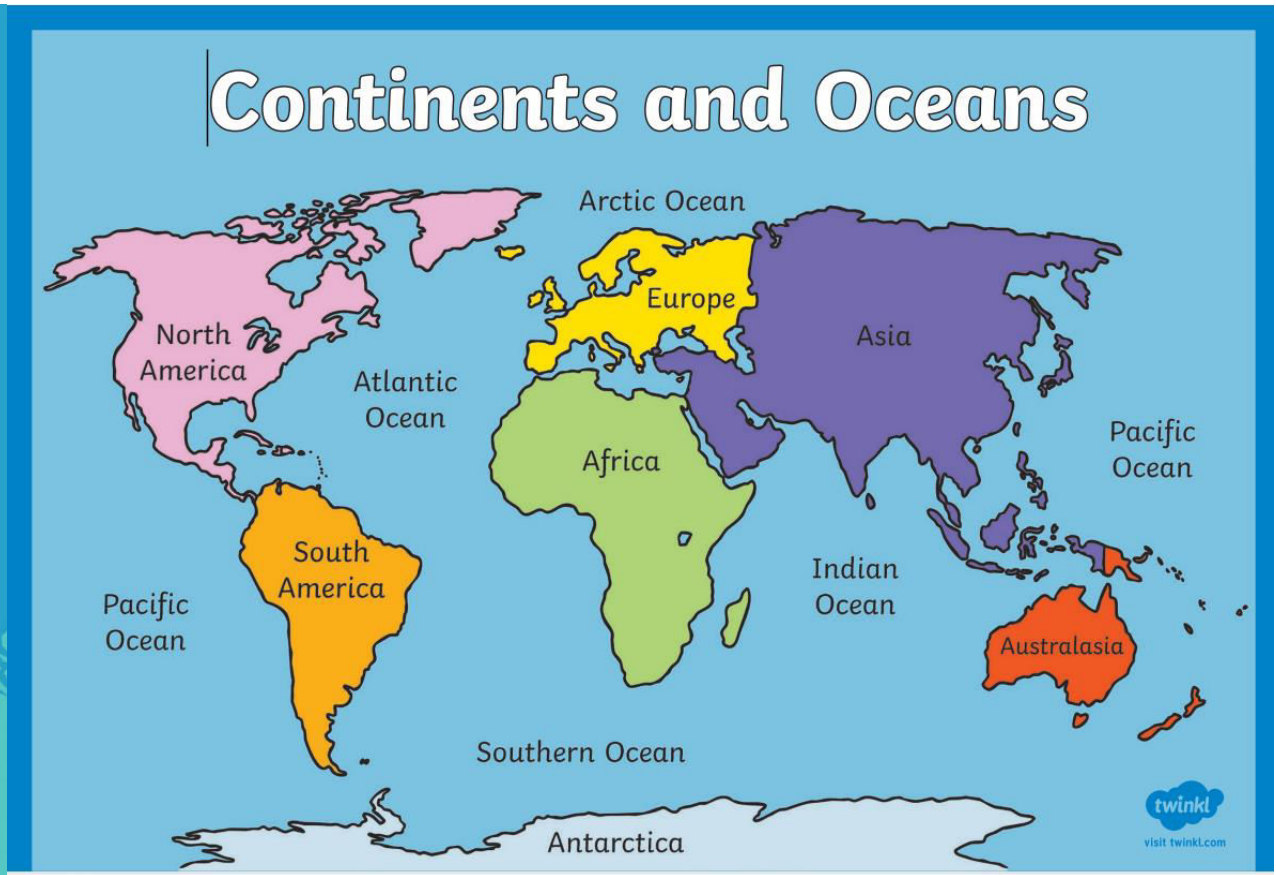
Geographical Skills we are Using.

- We are using world maps, atlases and globes to identify the United Kingdom, its' countries and also the continents and oceans of the world.
- We are using aerial photographs and satellite images to recognise the location and features of our country and those of the world's 7 continents and 5 oceans.
- We are learning to differentiate between human and physical geographical features.

The United Kingdom



The World Map



What about me?

- We live in North Yorkshire; a county in the country of England
- England is a part of the United Kingdom
- The capital city of England (and the U.K!) is London
- The United Kingdom is part of the continent of Europe