



# The Mead Infant and Nursery School – Geography



## Malawi Knowledge Organiser – Year 2

### What should I already know?

- I go to the Mead Infant and Nursery School in Stoneleigh.
- Africa is one of the seven **continents** of the world.
- The **equator** crosses Africa so it is one of the hotter places on Earth.

### What will I know by the end of Year X?

- Malawi is one of the many **countries** in Africa.
- The Mead Infant and Nursery School is twinned with Mtemambalame School in Malawi.
- Lilongwe is the **capital city** of Malawi. It has big office buildings, apartments, shops, tarmac roads and public transport, just like a town or city in the UK.
- Mtemambalame School is in a **rural** area.
- Homes in **rural** areas may be built as traditional ‘mud huts’. They are supported by wooden poles and have a roof of thatch and a floor of hard earth. People grow their own food, cook on open fires and may sleep on mats. They may not have any electricity. The door may have a step up to reach it to help prevent water getting into the hut in the wet **season**.
- The countryside in Malawi is called savannah and is mostly flat and grassy with few trees.
- There are two seasons in the savannah – the wet season (when it rains a lot) and the dry season (when it doesn’t rain). Both are hot.
- In the dry season water can be hard to find. People dig wells or walk a long way to collect water. Animals live close to the remaining pools of water called watering holes.

### Key Questions

Where is it?

What it is like there?

How do people and animals live there?

How is rural Malawi different to Stoneleigh?

How is it the same?



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### Key Vocabulary

capital city	The city where the government in charge of a country meets.
climate	The usual weather in a place.
continent	A very large area of land, separated from other land by water or natural features.
country	An area of land that is controlled by its own government.
Earth	The planet we live on.
equator	An imaginary line drawn around the middle of the Earth dividing it into the Northern and Southern Hemispheres.
rural	In the countryside.
season	A part of the year with particular types of weather.
urban	In a town or city.

### Geographical Skills and Fieldwork

Use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the continent of Africa and the country of Malawi. Use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of their school and its grounds and the key human and physical features of its surrounding environment.

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