



The Mead Infant and Nursery School – Geography

KS1 Seven Continents Knowledge Organiser – Years 1 & 2



What should I already know (EYFS)?

- I go to the Mead Infant and Nursery School.
- The Mead Infant and Nursery School is in Stoneleigh

What will I know by the end of Year 1?

- I can name and locate some of the world's seven continents.

What will I know by the end of Year 2?

- I can name and locate the world's seven continents.
- I can identify the location of hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the equator and the North and South Poles.

The Seven Continents by Size

Asia	44.5 million km ²
Africa	30.3 million km ²
North America	24.7 million km ²
South America	17.8 million km ²
Antarctica	14.2 million km ²
Europe	10.2 million km ²
Australia (Oceania)	8.6 million km ²

Warning!

Don't confuse the continent of Australia with the country of Australia! The continent contains Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, New Guinea and the Polynesian and Micronesian islands.

Key Questions

What is it?

Where is it?



Did you know?

- The surface of Earth is only about 30% land.
 - The equator passes through the continents of South America, Africa and Asia.
 - Asia has 1/3 of all land on Earth. It also has the highest population, followed by Africa.
 - Australia (Oceania) and Antarctica are 'island' continents, separated from other continents by water.
 - Europe is the only continent without any deserts.
 - Russia, the world's largest country, is in both Europe and Asia.
 - The smallest country, the Vatican City, is in Europe.
 - North America has every type of climate from polar to tropical.
 - The highest mountains, the Himalayas, are in Asia.
 - The largest rainforest, the Amazon, is in South America.
- Antarctica contains no countries. It is also the coldest continent, and has the smallest population.

New Vocabulary

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.
globe	A spherical model of the Earth.
hemisphere	The two halves of the globe, separated by the equator.
pole	The northernmost or southernmost points on the Earth, around which the Earth spins.

Geographical Skills and Fieldwork

Use world maps, atlases and globes to find the seven continents, the Equator and the Poles.

Describe the position of the seven continents using simple compass directions (north, south, east and west) and locational and directional language (e.g. near and far).

