

St Martin's Primary School – Knowledge Organiser

Geography Focus

Little Blue Planet

Year 2

Autumn 1

Background information:

The Earth is the planet on which we live and it is a giant sphere. It is made up of **7 continents**: Europe, Africa, Asia, Australasia/ Oceania, North America, South America and Antarctica, and **5 oceans**: the Pacific Ocean, Atlantic Ocean, Southern Ocean, Indian Ocean and the Arctic Ocean.

I should already know:

- That the United Kingdom is made up of four countries: **England, Wales, Scotland** and **Northern Ireland**.
- The United Kingdom is surrounded by four seas: **The North Sea, The Irish Sea, The Celtic Sea** and the **English Channel**.

By the end of Year 2 you will need to:

- Name and locate the world's **7 continents** and **5 oceans**.
- Explain the difference between a **country** and a **continent**, and an **ocean** and a **sea**.
- Describe some physical and human features of each continent and ocean.
- Identify the location of hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the **Equator** and the **North and South Poles**.



Key facts:

Asia is the largest continent. It has the biggest land area and the world's biggest population.

Oceania/Australasia is the smallest continent of the planet.

Africa is the continent that has the most countries. There are 54 countries on the African continent.

North America is a continent which is located entirely on the northern and western hemisphere.

South America contains over 40% of the world's plants and animals species.

Europe houses the two smallest countries in the world: Vatican City which is located inside Rome/Italy and Monaco which is bordered on three sides by France.

Antarctica is covered almost completely by ice. 90% of the planet's ice is located on this continent.

Key vocabulary that I need to know:

Vocabulary	Definition
Continent	A group of countries on one large expanse of land.
Country	A large area of land where people live under the same Government.
Ocean	A large area of water between continents.
Seas	Smaller, enclosed or partly enclosed areas of water.
Physical features	Things that are natural, like seas, mountains and rivers. They would be here even if there were no people around.
Human features	Things like houses, roads and bridges that have been built by people.
Climate	The typical weather conditions in an area.
Enclosed	Surrounded by something.

