



Year 3/4 Geography: Africa

Specific Subject Skills:

- Locate the world's countries, concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries, and major cities
- Understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom and a region in a European country.
- Describe and understand key aspects of: physical geography, including: climate zones and biomes

Prior learning:

- Name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans, name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas
- Understand geographical similarities and differences through studying the human and physical geography of a small area of the United Kingdom, and of a small area in a contrasting non-European country
- Use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the United Kingdom and its countries, as well as the countries, continents and oceans studied at this key stage
- Use simple compass directions (North, South, East and West)



Key Knowledge:

- Africa is a continent made up of 54 different countries with Algeria being the largest in terms of area (2.4 million km²). The longest river in Africa is the Nile (6,853 km) and the highest mountain is Kilimanjaro (5,895m)
- Africa is the second largest continent in the world.
- Africa is home to the largest desert in the world (the Sahara) and one of the world's longest rivers (the Nile).
- Africa lies on the equator, this means that the continent gets lots of direct sunlight throughout the year.

Key Vocabulary:

Continent A large solid area of land

Africa A continent made up of 54 countries

Equator An imaginary circle around the middle of the Earth

Climate The average weather (temperature, cloudiness, rainfall) in a place over many years

Desert Dry areas that receive very little rain

Savannah An ecosystem similar to grassland but scattered with trees

Biome A large region of Earth that has a certain climate and certain types of living things.



Key Knowledge:

Human



Physical

