

Autumn Term 2 Year 1 Geography Overview

Key facts

There are 5 Oceans and 7 Continents. The Oceans are the Pacific, Atlantic, Indian, Southern and Arctic. The seven continents are Europe, Africa, North America, South America, Asia, Oceania and Antarctica. The Pacific Ocean is the largest, covering 30% of the earth. This is close to half of all the water on earth. The equator divides both the Pacific and the Atlantic Ocean in two. The Indian Ocean is the third largest. It borders India at the North, East Africa, Australia and the Southern Ocean. Because of higher water temperature, it has limited marine life. The Southern Ocean borders Antarctica in its entirety. The Arctic Ocean is the world's smallest and shallowest ocean of all 5 oceans. Asia is the largest continent. It has the biggest land area and the world's biggest population. Oceania is the smallest continent of the planet. Africa is the continent that has the most countries. Europe houses the two smallest countries in the world – The Vatican City and Monaco. North America is entirely in the Northern Hemisphere. South America has the longest mountain range, the highest waterfalls and the driest place on earth – The Atacama desert in Chile. Antarctica is the smallest continent by population and 90% of the planet's ice is located there.

Resources

Maps, atlases and globes.
Non-fiction texts
Online resources
Photographs

Oceans and Continents

Brief summary/ overview

There are 5 Oceans – Pacific, Atlantic, Southern, Indian and Arctic.

There are 7 continents – Europe, Africa, Asia, Oceania, North America, South America and Antarctica.

The Pacific is the largest ocean.

The largest continent is Asia.

Prior Knowledge

Some children may have been on holiday and be aware of some of these names. They will also have experience of maps, globes and atlases from Autumn 1.

Key Vocabulary

Maps, atlases, Ocean, globe, countries, continents, environment, habitat, Asia, Europe, Oceania, South America, North America, Africa, Antarctica, Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Arctic, Southern ocean.

Cross curricular links/visits

This links to our future topic about Amelia Earhart and her flights across the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, and her journey across many of the continents.