

## Knowledge Organiser for Year 2

### Big question: What are continents and oceans?

#### National curriculum specification

- Name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans.



#### Key facts

A continent is a very large landmass, usually separated by water or other natural features, like mountains.

Continents only cover 29% of the Earth's surface – the rest is water!

Oceans are a large body of salt water, and surround the world's continents.

There are over 700,000 different species of animal that live in the world's oceans.

The ocean is full of tiny plants which produce oxygen.

#### Continents

Asia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The biggest continent in the world.</li> <li>2/3 of the population live in Asia.</li> <li>Major countries include China and India.</li> <li>The world's tallest mountains, The Himalayas, are found here.</li> </ul>
Africa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The second biggest continent.</li> <li>Africa has 54 countries, more than any other continent.</li> <li>Major countries include Egypt, Nigeria and South Africa.</li> <li>The Nile is the longest river in the world.</li> <li>The Sahara desert is the world's biggest non-polar desert.</li> </ul>
North America	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The third biggest continent in the world.</li> <li>Major countries include the USA and Canada.</li> <li>North America is home to bears, moose and skunk.</li> </ul>
South America	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The fourth biggest continent in the world.</li> <li>South America only have 12 countries.</li> <li>Major countries include Brazil and Argentina.</li> <li>The Amazon rainforest is found here.</li> </ul>
Antarctica	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The third smallest continent in the world.</li> <li>Antarctica is almost completely covered in ice, and is the coldest and windiest continent.</li> <li>It is surrounded by the Southern Ocean.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each year, thousands of scientists live and work in Antarctica.</li> </ul>
Europe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The second smallest continent in the world.</li> <li>• The most densely populated continent. It has 44 countries.</li> <li>• Major countries include the UK, France, Spain, Italy and Germany.</li> <li>• The majority of Australians have ancestors from Europe.</li> </ul>
Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Australia is the smallest continent in the world.</li> <li>• Australia is the name of the country as well as the continent.</li> <li>• It is made of lots of islands.</li> <li>• Australia is sometimes mis-called Australasia or Oceania.</li> <li>• The Great Barrier reef is the world's largest coral reef.</li> <li>• The continent nearest to Australia is Asia.</li> </ul>

Key vocabulary/Tier 3	
Country	A large area of land with its own government.
Continent	A group of countries on a large expanse of land.
Ocean	A large body of salt water.
Environment	A particular geographical area.
Habitat	A home to a living thing.