Knowledge Organiser

Geography – Year 4 – Autumn 2 – Map It! Around the World





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Geography knowledge you already know	Key Vocabulary		New Geography Knowledge
 There are 7 continents, 5 oceans and almost 200 countries in the world. We live in England, which is part of the continent called Europe. We use globes, maps and atlases to locate countries and some of their features. Different countries around the world have different geographical features, depending on where they are. When we learn about physical geography, we find out about geographical features which occur naturally. When we learn about human geography, we find out about geographical features which are man-made. 	equator	An imaginary line around the centre of the Earth. The equator divides the world into two halves: the northern hemisphere and the southern hemisphere.	 Geographers have drawn imaginary lines across and around the world. The positions of these lines does not change. They are the same on every globe, map, atlas and digital map. These lines can be used to locate countries and cities on maps, and to describe the position of countries and cities around the world. A country's position on the earth affects its climate and time zone.
	Greenwich meridian Prime meridian	An imaginary line down the centre of the Earth. Just like the equator divides the world into north and south, the Greenwich meridian, or Prime meridian, divides the world into the Eastern hemisphere and the Western hemisphere.	
	hemisphere	In maths, a hemisphere is half of a sphere. In geography, everything above the equator is called the northern hemisphere, and everything below the equator is called the southern hemisphere.	
	latitude	Imaginary lines which run around the world, and are used to measure how far north or south a country is from the equator.	
	longitude	Imaginary lines which run from the top to the bottom of the world, and are used to measure how far east or west a country is from the Greenwich meridian.	New Geography Skills
	time zones	Have you ever noticed that on New Years Eve, Australia celebrates the new year before we do? That is because Australia and the UK are in different time zones.	 I can locate the Equator, the northern hemisphere and the southern hemisphere on a map and globe I can identify lines of latitude and longitude and the tropics on a map I can identify the location of the Prime Meridian I can find the local time in another city using time differences
	Tropic of Cancer	An area to the north of the equator.	
	Tropic of Capricorn	An area to the south of the equator.	