

# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School



**Subject:** Geography

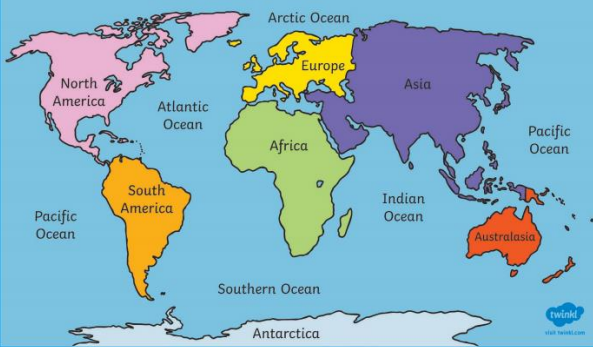
**Topic:** Countries of the World

**Year:** 4

## What should I already know?

- Some countries around the world.
- That we live in the continent of Europe.
- That countries have their own flag.
- Countries have their own culture.

## Continents and Oceans



## What am I going to learn?

- The continents of the world are North America, South America, Europe, Africa, Asia and Australia.
- Each country has a capital city. A capital city is the most important city in a country and is usually where the government runs the country from.
- Locate countries on a world map.
- The climate of a country depends on where it is on the globe. Countries near the equator are the hottest. Countries near the North Pole and South Pole are coldest.
- Human geography studies how people affect the environments they live in. It could include population, culture, religion, tourism, buildings and economic development.
- Physical geography studies the Earth itself. It could include weather, mountains, rivers, oceans, seasons, rocks and climate zones.

## Vocabulary

**Capital:** the city where the government of a country, state, or province is located.

**City:** A large and important town where many people live and work.

**Continent:** One of the earth's seven major areas of land.

**Country:** A large area of land where people live under the same government or have the same culture

**Equator:** The imaginary circle around the earth that is halfway between the North and South Poles.

**Hemisphere:** Either of two halves of the earth. A hemisphere is formed by dividing the earth into the Northern and Southern Hemispheres at the equator, or into the Eastern and Western Hemispheres at a meridian.

**Latitude:** The distance between the equator and a point north or south on the earth's surface. This distance is measured in degrees.

**Longitude:** Distance on the earth's surface east or west of an imaginary line on the globe that goes from the North Pole to the South Pole and passes through Greenwich, England. Longitude is usually measured in degrees.

**Population:** The total number of people living in a country, city, or other area.



## Useful Websites

- DK Find out: Continents:  
<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/search/continents/>
- BBC Bitesize: Let's explore:  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zyhp34j/articles/z4v3jhy>
- BBC Bitesize: Human Geography:  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zx72pv4>