

Slinfold CE Primary School and Pre-School – Geography

Topic: Countries and cities of the world	Strand: Geographical Skills and Fieldwork	
What should I already know?	Vocabulary	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The town I live in is called Haywards Heath (West Sussex, England) West Sussex is in England, which is a country England, which is in the United Kingdom, is in the continent of Europe The seven continents (including Europe) and the five oceans The similarities and differences between Haywards Heath and Nairobi, the capital city of Kenya. Kenya is in the continent of Africa The main climate zones across the world and the biomes that can be found there. 	Atlas	Book of maps
	Biome	A natural area of the living world which has its own climate, vegetation and animals
	Capital city	The city where the government sit. London is the capital city of England and the UK
	City	A large town. London is a city
	Climate	The general weather conditions that are typical of a place
	Climate zone	Sections of the earth that are divided according to the climate. There are three main climate zones: polar, temperate and tropical
	Coasts	An area of land that is next to the sea
	Compass points	Any of the main points of a compass: north, south, east, west, north-east, north-west, south-east, south-west
	Continent	A very large area of land that consists of many countries . Europe is a continent
	Country	An area of land that is controlled by its own government
	Desert	A large area of land, usually in a hot region, where there is almost no water, rain, trees or plants
	Equator	An imaginary line around the middle of the Earth at an equal distance from the North Pole and the South Pole
	Globe	A ball-shaped object with a map of the world on it
	Human geography	Features of land that have been impacted by human activity
	Landmark	A building or feature which is easily recognised
	Language	The communication of a particular country or people
	Ocean	One of the five very large areas of salt water on the Earth's surface
	Physical geography	Natural features of the world
	Population	All the people who live in a country or area
	Sea	A large area of salty water that is part of an ocean
Tectonic	Relating to the structure of the Earth's surface or crust	
Temperate	A place which is never extremely hot or extremely cold	
Tourist	A person who is visiting a place for pleasure and interest, especially when they are on holiday	
Trade	The activity of buying, selling, or exchanging goods or services	
Tropical	Parts of the world that lie between the imaginary lines: Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic of Capricorn. The tropics have a humid climate , where the weather is hot and damp	
Tundra	A flat layer of land where the top layer is frozen. There is hardly any vegetation	
Vegetation	Plants, trees and flowers	
Geographical skills and fieldwork		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find the countries using a map, an atlas and a globe. What are the skills you need to use each of these? Compare the human and physical geographical features of the countries saying how they are similar and different. How can you present this information in different ways (eg Carroll and Venn diagrams) Research the different climate zones in each country Research the average temperature for each of the countries and create a chart to show this Observe aerial view photographs to compare countries and climate zones Use the compass points to describe the countries in relation to each other 		



Country	Capital City	Continent	Human Geography	Physical Geography
France	Paris	Europe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Famous landmarks: Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe, Disneyland Paris Trade: farming, fashion, wine High levels of tourism Main language: French 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mountain ranges including the Alps Rivers, including the Seine Warm summers and cool winters (temperate) Has coasts on the English Channel
Russia	Moscow	Europe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Famous landmarks: St Basil's Cathedral Trade: energy (oil, gas and coal) Largest population in Europe Main language: Russian 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Largest country in Europe by land Due to its size, there are many climate zones Has a coast on the Arctic Ocean – this part of Russia consists of a tundra biome
United States of America (USA)	Washington DC	North America	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Famous landmarks: the White House in Washington DC and the Statue of Liberty in New York Trade: Farming, technology, tourism High levels of tourism Divided into states Main language: English 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mountain ranges including the Rocky Mountains Niagara Falls: waterfall Due to its size there are many climate zones including deserts and Arctic tundra Has coasts on the Atlantic and Pacific oceans Lies on the edge of a tectonic plate
Brazil	Brasilia	South America	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Famous landmarks: Christ the Redeemer statue Famous for the carnival held in Rio de Janeiro Trade: sugar, coffee Main language: Portuguese 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amazon rainforest biome and river Tropical climate Lies on the line of the equator Coasts on the Atlantic ocean
Egypt	Cairo	Africa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Famous landmarks: the Great Pyramid of Giza Suez canal joins the Mediterranean and Red seas Popular for tourists due to hot weather and pyramids Main language: Arabic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hot, dry climate – consists of desert biomes River Nile Coasts on the Mediterranean and Red seas Lies on the line of the Tropic of Cancer

