



Year 3 - Spring - Geography Knowledge Organiser

What I already know...

- The location of the world's seven continents and major oceans.
- The names of some important rivers in the UK.
- That there are different types of weather that happen.
- Simple physical and human features such as beach, hill, mountain, soil, valley, vegetation, season, town, city, farm,
- How to use an atlas to find names of countries.

What I will learn...

- The locations of different ancient civilisations: The Shang Dynasty, Ancient Sumer, Indus Valley, Romans and Egyptians.
- The capital city of Egypt is Cairo and the River Nile is the longest river in the world.
- There are different types of climate and biomes in the world: desert, tundra, mountain, grassland / savannah, woodland, rainforest. Which of these are found in Egypt.
- Some physical similarities and differences between Egypt and the UK.
- That the River Nile was essential for Ancient Egyptians to sustain life.

Key Vocabulary

River Nile	The longest river in the world, vital for bringing water and fertile soils which the Egyptians used to farm.
Cairo	The capital city of Egypt
Biomes	Specific environments that occur due to a place's location and climate
Desert	A place with no water where little or no vegetation grows. Often covered in sand.
Flooding	When water overflows the banks of a river or body of water onto dry land.
Silt	Small particles that are carried and dropped by running water.
Fertile soil	Soil that is good for growing crops.

How to be a geographer...

Disciplinary Knowledge: Geography skills I will learn...

- Ask geographical questions
- Use a range of sources for information
- Make comparisons between 2 locations e.g. Desert and River Nile.



Making a difference at The Merton and beyond

Children will begin recapping prior knowledge of continents and oceans and will learn about the location of different ancient civilisations around the world. They will then focus in on the chosen country of study - Egypt. They will learn about neighbouring countries and the borders, along with the different types of climate and biomes that exist in the world and then in Egypt itself. This will lead to us making comparisons between Egypt and the UK. In exploring the geography of Egypt, children will discover what makes the River Nile so vital to the country's farming and economy, and what makes Egypt a popular place to visit.

- Locate places on larger scale maps
- Identify features on maps of different scales
- Continue to develop atlas skills
- Begin to use maps on the internet
- Begin to identify features on aerial / oblique photographs