Africa

Year 5 Knowledge Organiser



Key facts

-Africa is the second largest continent in the world.

-It has a population of about 1.2 billion people (16% of the world's population).

- It is made up of 54 different countries.

- It is believed that humans first evolved and originated in Africa.

-The longest river in Africa is the river Nile.

Key vocabulary	
Continent	A large landmass made up of many countries.
Climate	The usual or average weather conditions over a long period of time.
Human	Geography affected by human activity.
Physical	Geography dealing with natural features.
Population	The amount of people who live in a particular place.
Capital city	A major city where the country's government is located.
Biome	Biomes are regions of the world with similar climate (weather, temperature) animals and plants e.g. tundra and forest.
Maasai	An ethnic group inhabiting Kenya and Tanzania.

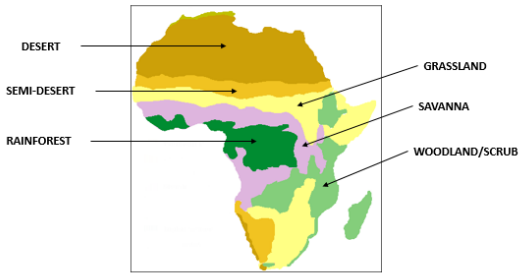
Capital cities

A capital city is a major city in a country and it is usually where the countries government is located.

	Cairo is the capital city of Egypt with a population of over 20 million people.
	Addis Ababa is the capital city of Ethiopia with a population of 4.8 million people.
	Kinshasa is the capital city of The Democratic Republic of Congo. with a population of over 16 million people.
	Nairobi is the capital city of Kenya with a population of over 4 million people.

Climate

Africa has a warm and hot climate. It consists of a number of biomes including grasslands, savannah, rainforest and desert.



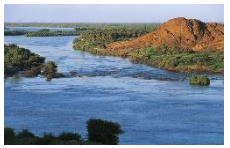
The Maasai tribe

The Maasai tribe live in Kenya and Tanzania. They live in the African Savannahs and use the land as their home where they all live together. Men are traditionally in charge of the tribe



while women take care of the children. The men perform a special jumping dance.

Human and Physical geography features in Africa

River Nile (physical) 	The longest river in Africa. It flows through Sudan and Egypt and into the Mediterranean Sea. It is 6,650 kilometres long.
The Pyramids of Giza (human) 	These pyramids are located in Egypt and they were built around 2550 BC.
Victoria Falls (physical) 	Victoria falls is a waterfall on the Zambezi river. It is located on the border of Zambia and Zimbabwe.
Great Mosque of Djenné (human) 	The great mosque of Djenné, which is located in Mali, is made of mud bricks coated with clay. It was built in the early 1900s