

Key Stage 1 Geography

This lesson plan was written for a six and almost five year old (UK Year 1 and Reception age).

Learning about continents

Learning Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- understand concept of land and oceans- be able to name the seven continents of the world- be able to identify the continents on a map- be able to share simple facts about the continents
Resources used	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Fold outs to insert into lapbook to list the continents and to note how many continents there are- Continents matching cards (twinkl subscription required)- My Continents Book (twinkl subscription required)- World Map (we used this particular one and folded in half for the lapbook)- For older children a Comprehension task - Daniel used this one (age 6)- Globe- Compass- Atlases - we liked this Knowledge masters one for this particular task and the Collins Primary atlas.

Lesson plan

		Resources used	Additional Notes
Introduction	Discuss where we live Place your home within a town, city, region, country, continent.	Maps	We have layered maps to demonstrate this in the past – a picture of our house, then a map showing our road, then the city, the North west, England, the UK, Europe, The world
	Talk about the continents and begin to place them where they think they go	Continents matching cards	Prompt children to tell you the ones they know
	Can you think of some ways that countries and continents differ?		We talked about things unique to countries – eg: flags, leaders, rules/laws, currency. These differ country to country but have a shared continent.
Activities	Using the continents matching cards we placed these on the tables – identifying the shapes of the continents and matching them to the correct name label	Continents matching cards	We compared the cards to the images on the world map
	World Map – colour this in – different colour for each continent and add to lapbook.	World map	
	Reading and talking about the continents and discovering some simple facts with which to populate continents book	My little book of continents reading comprehension	I read aloud to the children whilst they were completing their world map colouring and writing the continents out for their lapbook.
Next Steps	Ask the children to choose a continent to study in more detail		