

Geography week 1	Geography - Asia
Starter	Watch the Oak Academy lesson all about Asia https://www.thenational.academy/year-1/foundation/what-is-asia-like-year-1-wk3-1#slide-3
Parent	This term we are learning about the different continents in greater detail. Although the Oak Academy lesson is aimed at Year 1, it is a really good summary of information about Asia and we like the way that they 'fly' there - although of course this is part of a sequence of learning so please explain that to the children. They do not need to complete the activities unless they really want to but the animals fact file gives some good information that we have suggested for an English task (please see English overview under the writing icon). The end of lesson quiz is a good revision tool, so we think that they should have a go at that once they have watched all of the lesson. https://www.thenational.academy/year-1/foundation/what-is-asia-like-year-1-wk3-1#slide-5
Activity	Please complete one of the English activities as a follow up from watching this lesson.

Continent	A very large area of land, usually surrounded by the sea, and containing different countries.			
North America	• Third largest continent • Contains the United States of America, but also Canada, Greenland, Mexico, and 18 other countries. • Most people speak English, Spanish or French.			
South America	• Fourth largest continent. • Contains the longest river, highest waterfall, and the longest mountain range • Contains the world's largest rainforest (the Amazon rainforest).			
Europe	• Second smallest continent • Humans first travelled to Europe about 35,000 years ago. • European countries conquered much of the world. • The United Kingdom is in the continent of Europe.			
Africa	• Second largest continent • Has the most countries (55). • The oldest human fossils and skeletons have been found in Africa.			
Asia	• The largest continent. • It contains the most people (biggest population). • Also includes lots of mega-cities (E.g. Tokyo in Japan, Beijing in China, Delhi in India).			
Australia	• Smallest continent • Sometimes called Australasia or Oceania. • Contains Australia, New Zealand, and many islands.			
Antarctica	• Third smallest continent. • Extremely cold, covered in ice. • Doubles in size in winter when the seas freeze. • Contains 90% of the world's ice. • No humans live in Antarctica permanently.			
		Continent	Area (km ²)	Population (approximately 2020)
		Africa	30 million	1.2 billion
		Antarctica	14 million	5,000 (temporary)
		Asia	44 million	4.5 billion
		Europe	10 million	741 million
		North America	24 million	579 million
		Australia	8.6 million	40 million
		South America	18 million	422 million