

The Spring Partnership Trust – Knowledge Organiser

Geography Focus	Natural Resources	Year 5	Autumn 2
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What? (Key Knowledge)	
What are natural resources?	Anything that is found in nature that can be used by living things is a natural resource. This includes water, forests, fossil fuels, minerals, plants, animals and even air.
Why do we need them?	Natural resources such as coal, natural gas and oil provide heat, light and power. Natural resources also are the raw materials for making products that we use everyday.
Are all resources spread evenly?	Each country has different amounts of natural resources depending on their location and geological processes
What is trade?	The buying and selling of goods and services. This can be on different scales (e.g. local or global)
What is the environmental impact of using natural resources?	Extracting, processing and using natural resources can cause environmental problems such as: air, land and water pollution; disruption or destruction of ecosystems; and a decrease in biodiversity.
How can we measure sustainability?	Natural resources must be used sustainably or they will run out for future generations.

What? (Key vocab)	
Spelling	Definition
Natural resources	Materials or substances that are produced by the environment.
Environment	The natural world
Sustainable	An activity which does not use or harm natural resources
Trade	The buying and selling of goods and services
Climate change	the long-term changes in global temperatures and other characteristics of the atmosphere
Industrial Revolution	the transition from creating goods by hand to using machines
The Pacific War	On December 7, 1941, Imperial Japanese forces launched an attack on the United States Pacific fleet at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
mining	the process of removing minerals from the Earth
logging	cutting trees for sale as timber or pulp
farming	growing and harvesting crops and raising animals, or livestock

Prior knowledge
EYFS - where does our food come from?
Year 2 - Settlements - Villages, Towns and Cities
Year 3 - Water, Weather and Climate
Year 4 - Rivers

