

The Spring Partnership Trust – Knowledge Organiser

Geography Focus	Africa (South Africa)	Year 1	Summer
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What? (Key Knowledge)

Basic Facts	Continent: Africa Capital: Cape Town Currency: Rand Language: Afrikaans
Flag	
Human Features	Important cities include: Cape Town, Victoria and Johannesburg.
Physical Features	Kruger National Park (Look Table Mountain - This mountain is more than 260 million years old. It is the only terrestrial structure in the world that has constellation named after it. Orange River – Longest river in South Africa.
Climate and weather patterns	The climate in South Africa is much hotter than the UK. It experiences less rain and more sun.
Cultural	South Africa have 11 official languages, and many more unofficial languages. (Nickname – Rainbow Nation) South Africans are passionate about music and use this to express social and political ideas. Known worldwide for their skill in sports, including rugby, cricket, golf.

What? (Key vocab)

Spelling	Definition
Country	A nation with its own government
Flag	A cloth which symbolises a country
Capital	The city that functions as the seat of government
Population	The number of people who live in a country
City	A large settlement of people
Continent	A collection of countries
Europe	The continent in which the UK resides.
Landmark	A building or part of the landscape which is easily recognised by people. (Big Ben, Loch Ness, Giant's Causeway, Snowdonia)
Human feature	A manmade feature on the landscape (roads, cities, statues)
Physical feature	A natural feature on the environment (mountains, beaches, forests)
Climate	What the weather is like over an extended period of time.

Diagrams and Symbols



Possible experiences

Use atlases to explore the country, and identify key facts.

Be given photos of countries, items of food, artefacts etc . and reason if they link to UK or other country,

Children to interview members of staff with South African heritage (CV, BW, CF). Children to compare and contrast.