

**Year 2**  
**Geography Knowledge Organiser - Kenya**

<b>Key Enquiry Questions:</b>	
<p>Can you locate Kenya on a world map?</p> <p>Can you name the 7 continents and 5 Oceans of the world?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explain where Kenya is located in the world and find Kenya on a world map or globe</li> <li>• locate the capital city of Kenya and some main cities</li> <li>• Describe where Kenya is located in relation to other places in the world.</li> <li>• Identify the 7 continents: North America, South America, Africa, Europe, Asia, Antarctica, Australasia.</li> <li>• Identify the 5 Oceans: Atlantic, Pacific, Arctic, Indian, Southern Ocean.</li> </ul>
<p>Can you identify similarities and differences between the UK and Kenya?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand what some aspects of Kenyan life are like</li> <li>• Identify the features of a national park and begin to explain the difference to a game reserve.</li> <li>• Describe some differences and similarities between Kenya and the UK</li> <li>• Begin to understand the importance of tourism to Kenya</li> </ul>
<p>Can you use a map to explore key places in Kenya?</p> <p>Can you construct a simple map and symbols to show what you have learnt about Kenya?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confidently use compass directions to move around a map</li> <li>• Use an atlas/globe to locate accurately places and landmarks in Kenya.</li> <li>• Draw a freehand map of Kenya.</li> <li>• Draw a map of a national park and begin to consider the location of key features.</li> </ul>
<p>Can you identify the wildlife found in Kenya and the dangers it faces?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify why animals are important to Kenya</li> <li>• Begin to understand the concept of 'animal migration'</li> <li>• Identify animals that live in Kenya and begin to explain the concept of 'endangered species'.</li> </ul>

<b>Key Vocabulary</b>	
continent	any of the world's main continuous expanses of land (Europe, Asia, Africa, North and South America, Australia, Antarctica)
country	a nation with its own government, occupying a particular territory
capital city	the city or town that functions as the government centre of a country
climate	the weather conditions prevailing in an area in general or over a long period
ocean	a very large expanse of sea
equator	an invisible line that divides the Earth into northern and southern hemispheres
game reserve	a large area of land set aside as a protected area for wild animals
national park	an area of countryside which is protected for the enjoyment of the general public or the preservation of wildlife
physical features	physical characteristics describe the natural environment of the place, including: beach, cliff, coast, forest, hill, mountain, sea, ocean, river, soil, valley, vegetation, season and weather
human features	human features describe man-made parts of the environment, including: city, town, village, factory, farm, house, office, port, harbour and shop
compass	an instrument containing a magnetized pointer which shows the direction of north, south, east and west
migration	seasonal movement of animals from one region to another
endangered species	a species of animal or plant that is seriously at risk of extinction
drought	a prolonged period of abnormally low rainfall, leading to a shortage of water
culture	the ideas, customs, and social behaviour of a particular people or society
safari	an expedition to observe animals in their natural habitat

<b>Important Facts</b>	
<b>Nairobi</b>	Nairobi is the capital city and Mombasa is the largest city in Kenya.
<b>Kenya</b>	Kenya is located in East Africa. It is known as the Republic of Kenya. Kenya's population is around 44 million. Kenya is one small country compared to the vast size of the continent, Africa.
<b>longest river and highest mountain</b>	The Tana River is the longest river in Kenya. Mount Kenya is the highest mountain in Kenya, and the country itself was named after the mountain!
<b>climate</b>	Kenya lies on the Equator, which means the climate is hot, sunny and dry for most of the year. In the north it is hot and dry with arid deserts. In the west it is hot and humid and the rainfall can be highest here. If there is no rainfall for a long time, droughts can occur.
<b>Mount Kenya</b>	Mount Kenya is high enough to have snow all year round. It is very cold in the mountains. In the highlands it is cool.
<b>The Great Rift Valley</b>	The Great Rift Valley is an enormous valley of mountains which runs from the north to south of Kenya. The valley has a chain of volcanoes which are still 'active' (alive).

<b>animals in Kenya</b>	The 'big five' animals in Africa are the African lion, white/black rhinoceros, African leopard, Cape buffalo, and the African elephant.
<b>languages</b>	More than 60 languages are spoken in Kenya. The official languages of Kenya are Swahili and English.

