

Year 3 Autumn Term Knowledge Organiser

Essential Question: Africa, my home, but who am I?

Previous Knowledge	Key Vocabulary	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Africa is one of the seven continents of the world. ● There are 54 countries in Africa. It includes some of these countries: Egypt, South Africa, Kenya, Madagascar, Algeria. ● It has the Indian Ocean to the East of the country and the Atlantic Ocean to the West of the country. ● The longest river is the River Nile. ● Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania is the highest mountain. ● The Sahara in northern Africa is the largest hot desert in the world. ● In Africa, you will find some of the largest mammals on this planet. ● The southernmost city in Africa is Cape Town in South Africa! 	Ancient	Belonging to the very distant past and no longer in existence.
	Continent	A large solid area of land
	Egyptians	A native of ancient or modern Egypt, or a person of Egyptian descent.
	Equator	The imaginary circle around earth
	Hieroglyphics	A formal writing system used in ancient Egyptian times.
	Human features	Things that are put on earth and are made by humans. Buildings, towns, parks, harbours etc.
	Ocean	A huge body of salty water
	Physical features	Things that are naturally on earth due to natural processes. Hills, mountains, volcanoes, rivers, beaches, trees etc
	Region	An area, having definable characteristics but not always fixed boundaries.
	Rural	Countryside, villages, away from towns and cities.
Tropic of Cancer/Capricorn	The Tropic of Cancer is the most northern latitude on the Earth where the sun can appear directly overhead. The Tropic of Capricorn is the most southern latitude on the Earth where the sun can appear directly overhead.	

Urban

Towns and cities.

Map:



Key Facts

- It is estimated that about 2,000 different languages are spoken on the African continent.
- The deserts, jungles and plains of Africa are home to some of Earth's most extraordinary animals.
- More than half of the African continent is covered by grassland or savannah.
- Northern Africa is home to the Sahara desert.
- Central Africa has rainforests, high mountains and lakes
- Southern Africa has a small coastal band.
- A Pharaoh was the ruler in ancient times.
- Tutankhamun was a king that ruled Egypt as a pharaoh.
- Cleopatra was the queen if ancient Egypt.
- Hieroglyphics were used to communicate through pictures and symbols instead of letters.



Arts and Crafts

African Art is often influenced by the natural surroundings and it involves beautiful, detailed patterns. Weaving and sewing are often used to create handmade African mats, rugs and baskets. Tinga Tinga Art often includes bright colourful images of African animals.

Animals

Africa is well known for its animals: Giraffe, Hippos, Lions, Elephants, Buffalo, Leopards, Cheetah, Zebra, Gorillas and many more! It is one of the only places you can see them in their natural habitat. 4 of the 5 fastest animals can be found in Africa!



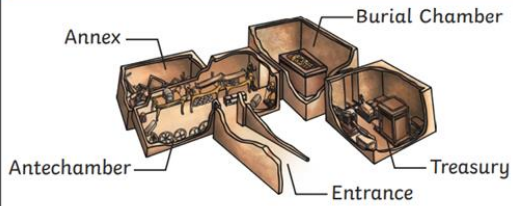
Clothing



Some people in Africa wear traditional African clothing which is brightly coloured with detailed patterns.

Sometimes this is accompanied with beaded bracelets and necklaces. The Maasai Tribe warriors living in the African Savannah, wear lots of red clothing and make masks often carved to look like African animals,

Tutankhamun's Tomb



Tutankhamun's death mask

Writing

Hieroglyphs were written by scribes, who had to go to a special school to learn how to write. Almost all scribes were men, although there is some evidence of female doctors being able to read hieroglyphs in medical texts.

Hieroglyphs were used for religious texts and inscriptions on statues and tombs. They were also used for counting crops and animals so that the right taxes could be taken.

The Rosetta Stone, discovered in 1799, was written in hieroglyphs and two other languages, including ancient Greek, which linguists (language experts) could still read.

Linguists translated the hieroglyphs by comparing the languages. It took 20 years to translate all the text into modern language.

Timeline

