



# Amazing Africa



## Key facts:

- Africa is the second largest continent in size and the second largest continent in population.
- There are 54 countries in Africa, all with their own cultures and languages.
- There are as many as 2000 languages spoken in Africa.
- Nelson Mandela was a civil rights leader in South Africa.
- He fought against apartheid, a system where people of colour did not have the same rights.

**Continent:** A continent is a large solid area of land. In order from largest to smallest they are Asia, Africa, North and South America, Antarctica, Europe and Australasia.

**Learning Journey**—The children will be exploring the countries in the continent Africa and investigate the significant historical changes in Africa.

The children will begin by exploring the world's continents and oceans and will be able to identify Africa and some of the countries within Africa. We will also learn about the location of hot and cold countries in relation to the equator. We will investigate what life is like in different countries in Africa to begin to form simple comparisons between the different places. We will explore some of the key features of a village in Africa and will be able to use geographical language to describe human and physical features in comparison to where we live.

Following on from a geography focus we will then explore how Africa's history has changed through time. We will begin by investigating how significant Nelson Mandela has been to Africa and sequence the events of his life chronologically. We will also look more closely at the importance of the abolishment of the apartheid and develop the children's empathy and understanding.

### **Need to know**

World  
Planet  
continent  
England  
United Kingdom  
Africa  
countries  
city  
town  
village  
countryside  
desert  
river  
map  
equator  
timeline  
features  
location  
cultures

### **Nice to know**

Nelson Mandela  
climate  
weather  
Southern hemisphere  
Northern hemisphere  
The Nile  
Sahara desert  
Egypt  
Kenya  
South Africa  
Uganda  
Ethiopia

### **Super specialist**

human geographical features  
physical geographical features  
national  
international  
significance  
population  
apartheid  
civil rights

| <u>Links to Prior Learning</u>  | <u>Key Texts</u>   | <u>Links to Future Learning</u>  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children have prior knowledge of continents and oceans from 'Exciting explorers' topic.</li> <li>• Children have knowledge of human and physical features from previous topics.</li> <li>• Links to weather and seasons unit in science.</li> <li>• Making observations of the world around us and understanding of different cultures. (EYFS people and communities)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Atlas- variety of maps</li> <li>• Handa's Surprise by Eileen Browne</li> <li>• The Leopards Drum: An asante tale from West Africa by Jessica Souhami</li> <li>• My friend Earth by Patricia MacLachlan</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Future topics taught in Year 2/3 like 'Stone Age to Iron Age'</li> <li>• Continents and countries</li> <li>• Science topics about animals, humans and habitats.</li> <li>• Developing geographical enquiry skills for lower KS2 e.g. begin to draw conclusions between two locations using pictures.</li> </ul> |

#### Family Fun

- Explore Google Earth. Can you find the continent Africa? Which countries can you find in Africa?
- Look at a map of the world. Can you label the continents?
- Explore Nelson Mandela on the BBC bitesize website: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zjkj382/articles/zj3p8xs>
- Use Espresso to explore the 'Nelson Mandela' module: [https://app.discoveryeducation.co.uk/learn/videos/496d7fb2-6986-4c3d-8297-03b6b8e9864b/?embed=false&embed\\_origin=false](https://app.discoveryeducation.co.uk/learn/videos/496d7fb2-6986-4c3d-8297-03b6b8e9864b/?embed=false&embed_origin=false)
- Visit your local library or on online library to find out some facts about Africa. Challenge: Can you make a fact file?