Bishop Monkton CE Primary School - Geography Knowledge Organiser – Our Wondrous World—Year 2—Human and Physical Geography

What should I already know?

- I go to school in Bishop Monkton, which is a village in England.
- England is one of 3 countries which make up the island of Britain.
- An island is surrounded by seas. There are many seas and oceans on our planet.
- Weather in Bishop Monkton can be wet, dry, cold, warm. It changes daily.



Geographical Skills

- To use world maps, atlases and globes to explore the Earths lands and seas.
- To use simple compass directions (N E S and W) and locational land directional language (e.g. near and far; left and right) to describe the location of features on a map.
- To compare seasonal daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom to hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South Poles.

Key Knowledge

- There are four seasons in the year: spring, summer, autumn and winter. Different countries around the world experience them at different times.
- The weather can change very quickly but the climate does not.
- The equator is an imaginary line around the centre of the Earth. This can be identified on maps, atlases and globes.
- The North Pole is in the middle of the frozen Arctic Ocean. The first human to reach it was an American engineer, Robert Peary in 1909.
- The South Pole has an average winter temperature of –60 C. The first human to reach it was a Norwegian explorer, Roald Amundsen in 1912







Vocabulary

axis	The invisible line that our planet rotates around.
compass points	Names used to show direction e.g. north, south, east and west.
continent	One of the Earth's seven major areas of land.
country	An area of land that is controlled by its own government.
equator	The imaginary circle around the Earth. This is half way between the North and South Poles.
climate	The usual weather conditions in a place or over a long time. E.g. Antarctica has a very cold climate.
human features	Areas of land that have been impacted by human activity.
island	A piece of land that is completely surrounded by water.
North Pole	The location on the surface of the Earth where the northern end of the axis of rotation is found.
physical features	Natural landmarks.
rotate	To turn or spin.
sea	A large area of salty water that is part of an ocean.
season	The main times of year which can be divided and which have their own typical weather.
South Pole	The location on the surface of the Earth where the southern end of the axis of rotation can be found.
sphere	The shape of our planet
world	Our planet Earth. It contains countries and people.
weather	Description of the air and the sky. Cold? Rainy?