

GEOGRAPHY	
YEAR 2	WHAT ARE THE KEY FEATURES OF JAPAN?
The Big Picture	
The Y2s will investigate and explore the land of the rising sun! They will identify which continent Japan is in and locate Japan on atlases, globes, maps and satellite images. The children will examine similarities and differences between the 2 island nations of Japan and Britain. They will compare and contrast geographical features. Children will also focus on Tokyo and London as a city to compare.	
	
End Point Knowledge	
● To name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities ● To name the continents of the world and find them in an atlas/on a map and globe. (Identify which continent Japan is in) ● To identify Japan on a map and where it is in relation to the UK using 4-point compass (E.g., East) ● To point out where the equator and north and south poles are. ● Compare London (City) to Tokyo (Non-European) by looking at key human and physical features. ● Identify human and physical features and correctly pair them with London or Tokyo London (Capital City) (River Thames, Epping Forest, Rainham Marshes, London Eye, Buckingham Palace, The Shard, The Palace of Westminster (parliament). Tokyo (Mt Fuji, Tokyo Tower, Imperial Palace, Shibuya shopping area, Sumida River) ● Compare the similarities and differences between the Japanese and British Royal families ● To begin to understand the difference between climate and weather. (Weather refers to the short-term changes in weather. Climate refers to long term trends in weather.) ● To read 2 figure grid references on a map	
Key Vocabulary	
Human, physical, equator, climate, weather, continent, Asia, Africa, North America, South America, Antarctica, Europe, Australia (Referred to as Oceania Australasia)	