



# TOPIC NAVIGATOR



GEOGRAPHY

YEAR 2



## DIFFERENT WORLDS: JAPAN

### KEY FACTS

- Not everywhere in the world is the same. Different places have different physical features. Some places have mountains, forests, rivers and valleys and others are by the sea or a huge lake. In other places you might find desert, rainforest or huge flood plains.
- You can identify different physical geographical features using maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping but also by looking at aerial photographs of an area.
- Japan is an island country that is on the east coast of Asia. It is nearly 6000 miles from England. Japan has some similar and some very different human and physical features from the United Kingdom.
- One very well known physical feature of Japan is its famous mountain, Mount Fuji. Mount Fuji is the highest mountain in Japan. It is actually an active volcano that most recently erupted in 1707.
- Nearby to Mount Fuji there are hot springs and a beautiful lake region where people do activities such as hiking, camping and fishing. There are areas of the UK where we can also do these activities.

### ONLINE RESOURCES

[Click here to find out more about the geographical features of Japan](#)

#### NATIONAL CURRICULUM AIMS

- understand geographical similarities and differences through studying the human and physical geography of a small area of the UK, and of a small area in a contrasting non-European country
- use aerial photographs and plan perspectives to recognise landmarks and basic human and physical features

### TOPIC VOCABULARY

**Map** – A drawing of a town, a country or the world. Maps show you where roads, mountains and rivers are

**Globe** – A ball/sphere with a map of the whole world on it

**Atlas** – A book of maps

**Country** – A land with its own people and laws

**Continent** – One of the 7 very large areas of land in the world

**Climate** – the weather conditions prevailing in an area in general or over a long period

**Volcano** – A mountain with a crater at the top through which molten lava can erupt

**Human Features** - Human geography relates only to the human environment; something that is built by humans and would not have existed in nature without humans.

**Physical features**- the natural world; mountains, seas, rivers, forests etc.

**Aerial photograph** – Photographs taken from above

**Similar** – alike or almost the same

**Different** – not like something or someone else

### OTHER USEFUL VOCABULARY

beach, cliff, coast, forest, hill, mountain, sea, ocean, river, soil, valley, vegetation, season, weather, city, town, village, factory, farm, house, office, port, harbour and shop