

# Alder Coppice Primary School — Knowledge Organiser

## Geography

**Year: 2**

**Unit 3: Where are our Oceans and why are they important?**

**Links to:** Year 1 - UK  
Year 2 - Continents

### Unit Specific Vocabulary:

<b>Antarctic</b>	A polar region in the south pole
<b>Arctic</b>	A polar region in the North Pole
<b>The United Kingdom</b>	An island in the continent of Europe where we live.
<b>Coast</b>	The region where land meets sea
<b>Continent</b>	A very large area of land that is made up of lots of countries. E.g. Europe is a continent.
<b>Island</b>	Land that is surrounded by water (usually a sea or an ocean).
<b>Population</b>	How many people live in a place.
<b>Ocean</b>	One of the five large areas of salt water on the Earth's surface
<b>Coast</b>	The region where land meets sea
<b>Equator</b>	An imaginary line around the middle of the Earth
<b>Sea</b>	An area of salty water that is part of an ocean . Seas are smaller and shallower than oceans. They are usually located where the land meets the ocean.

### There are 5 Oceans

<b>Ocean</b>	An ocean is a very large body of salt water
<b>Pacific</b>	The largest ocean
<b>Atlantic</b>	The second largest ocean
<b>Indian</b>	The third largest ocean
<b>Southern</b>	The second smallest ocean
<b>Arctic</b>	The smallest ocean



### The United Kingdom

<b>England</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The largest country in the United Kingdom (UK)</li> <li>London is the capital city.</li> <li>Our School is located in Sedgley, a town in England.</li> </ul>
<b>Scotland</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A country to the north of the UK.</li> <li>Edinburgh is the capital city.</li> </ul>
<b>Northern Ireland</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The smallest country in the United Kingdom.</li> <li>Belfast is the capital city.</li> </ul>
<b>Wales</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A country to the west of the UK.</li> <li>Cardiff is the capital city.</li> </ul>



### Key Facts:

- \* 70% of the Earth's surface is ocean water. The rest of the Earth's surface is land.
- \* Oceans are constantly moving in patterns called currents.
- \* Oceans have tiny plants in them which produce much of the oxygen that we breath. This is an important reason to look after oceans.
- \* Oceans also provide us with food.
- \* The biggest creature in the ocean is a blue whale. It is the biggest animal on the planet.
- \* Plastic pollution in our oceans is killing our marine life.