

Links to prior learning – names of continents and oceans in Spring 1, map work

Year 2 – Jamaica

Geography content within all topics: Locational Knowledge, place knowledge, human and physical geography, geographical skills and field work

Links to other subjects
English – poetry by Valerie Bloom
Art – Pastels

Subject Specific Vocabulary	
continent	one of the earth's seven major areas of land
country	a large area of land where people live under the same government or have the same culture
equator	imaginary line dividing the earth into northern and southern hemispheres
physical features	characteristics of the land that occur naturally, such as valleys, mountains, cliffs
human features	characteristics of the land or features that have been made or altered by humans, such as ports, roads, cities
island	An island is a piece of land surrounded by water.
plantation	A large farm for the cultivation of crops such as bananas, coffee and cotton.
vegetation	Plants that grow in particular areas or habitats.
tropical	a hot and humid climate
mountain	A physical feature of the land. It is a large steep hill rising abruptly from the ground

Key concepts, facts and sticky knowledge
The capital city of Jamaica is Kingston and the language spoken is Jamaican English. It has a population of over 2.7 million.
Jamaica has a motto: 'Out of many, one people.'
The Blue Mountains are a well-known landmark. Blue Mountain Peak is Jamaica's highest mountain. It is not blue!
The climate in Jamaica is tropical with warm, humid weather.
Jamaica is an Island and lies in the hurricane belt of the Atlantic Ocean and sometimes suffers significant storm damage.
Jamaica's national bird is a red-billed streamer-tail. 200 species of orchid and many varieties of cacti can be found in Jamaica.
Bob Marley is a famous musician from Jamaica. His style of music is called reggae. Usain Bolt is another famous Jamaican and holds the current world record for the 100m sprint.
The National Flag has a significant meaning. Black triangles represent the strength and resilience of Jamaican people, the green triangles represents the green vegetation and the yellow cross represents the wealth and sun.
Bananas were once the main trade of Jamaica. It was the first commercial producer of bananas in the Western Hemisphere. The country's export trade began in 1866.
<i>By the end of this period of learning,</i> the children should be able to describe the physical features and climate of Jamaica. Find where Jamaica is on a map and begin to understand cultural awareness and what makes Jamaica unique. Compare Jamaica with UK.

Landmarks and National Sports



National Emblems and Famous Jamaicans

