Practical Activities

Notes for the teacher - If your children need to review their learning, you can use these activities to support them.

Pass the globe game

The resources required for this activity include a small inflatable globe or ball.

Activity: Sit in a circle and pass the globe. When a child catches it, they name a continent or ocean where their thumb is resting. To extend the game, they can also say one fact about the continent/ocean. This game aims to reinforce global awareness and builds confidence in naming continents.

Continent hop

The resources required for this activity include large floor mats or paper cut-outs of each continent.

Activity: Place the mats on the floor. Call out a continent, and children have to hop to the right one. You can give clues like, "Hop to the continent where kangaroos live." This game aims to engage children physically while reinforcing continent names and facts.

Ocean & continent bean bag toss

The resources required for this activity include a large world map on the floor and bean bags.

Activity: Lay a large world map on the floor. Children take turns tossing a bean bag onto the map. Wherever it lands, they must name the continent or ocean it touches. You can also ask them to name animals or countries from that continent. This game aims to help with spatial recognition and reinforces the locations of oceans and continents.

I spy world map game

The resources required for this activity include a large map or globe.

Activity: Play an "I spy" game where you describe a continent or ocean, and the children have to find it. For example, "I spy a continent that is covered in ice," and they have to find Antarctica. This game aims to encourage listening skills and sharpens map-reading abilities.

Continent cards

The resources required for this activity include continent card cut-outs (see lesson resources), atlases, globes or a world map.

Activity: Cut out the cards ready for the children to complete the matching activity. Children can match the continent to its name and placement on the world map. They can use an atlas or globe to help them.