Calcot Junior School – Geography

Key Stage: 1 Year group: 1 Country: Madagascar

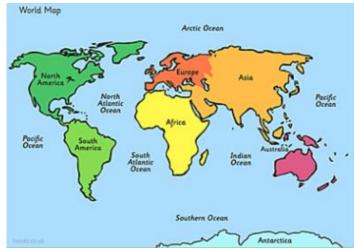
Prior Learning

Children know about similarities and differences in relation to places, objects, materials and living things. They talk about the features of their own immediate environment and how environments might vary from one another. They make observations of animals and plants and explain why some things occur, and talk about changes.

Vocabulary		
Africa	The continent that Madagascar is part of.	
Climate	The weather over an extended period of	
	time (e.g. a year)	
Continent	is a large area of land.	
Desert	is any large region that gets very little rain	
	each year - it can be hot or cold.	
Human features	Features of a landscape made by humans	
	(e.g roads).	
Mountain	A bit of land that it is higher and steeper	
	than a hill	
Oceans	A large amount of salt water	
Physical features	Natural features of a landscape (Mountain,	
	river. Trees, coastline, beach etc)	
Indian Ocean	The ocean to the east of Madagascar	
Rainforest	The main habitat of Madagascar.	
Temperature	How hot or cold something this.	
Tropical	A climate that is humid all year round.	



A map showing Madagascar and the surrounding continents and oceans.



Map of the world including the five main oceans and 7 continents.



Madagascan Flag.



Rainforest picture.

Unit Learning Outcomes		
Locational knowledge/map skills	 Children will have a basic understanding of continents and oceans. Children will be to locate the UK and Madagascar, Europe and Africa. 	
Physical Geography	 It is mainly rainforest and mountainous regions and children will understand what this is Children will be able to discuss what the climate is like in the UK and Madagascar, and can compare them. 	
Human Geography	 Children will be able to discuss how the Malagasy live and compare to their lives in the UK. 	

Geographical Skills and Enquiry

- To give directions using directional language.
- To investigate the animals of the tropical rainforest habitat.

Opportunities for cross-curricular links.		
Literacy	Studying the following books:	
	Write a letter/postcard about life in the UK	
	and the differences to Madagascar.	
	Information page on deforestation.	
Art	Lemur masks.	
French	Spoken language - learn animal names in	
	French.	
Wow	Clue scavenger hunt.	
Opportunities	Clothes sorting for climate.	
	Making a rainforest.	
	Bee bots.	