

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.

Key Visuals



A map showing Madagascar and the surrounding continents and oceans.



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



Madagascar Flag.



Rainforest picture.

Unit Learning Outcomes

Locational knowledge/map skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children will have a basic understanding of continents and oceans. Children will be to locate the UK and Madagascar, Europe and Africa.
Physical Geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 Opportunities	Clue scavenger hunt. Clothes sorting for climate. Making a rainforest. Bee bots.