



Year 6 – Mapping the World

CRUCIAL KNOWLEDGE

The 7 continents of the world are:
Europe, North and South America,
Africa, Asia, Australia and Antarctica

R: The equator is an imaginary line
around the middle of a planet

A grid reference is a location on a
map

The equator splits the world into the
northern and southern hemisphere

There is one global ocean

6-figure grid references are more
accurate

EXTENDED KNOWLEDGE

There are 5 oceans basins:
Pacific, Atlantic, Indian, Arctic and
Southern (Antarctic)

The Mercator Projection is the map
we are most used to seeing

The Galls-Peters map accurately
depicts the size of the continents
and countries

The Tropics of Cancer and
Capricorn show where the sun is at
its most northern and southern

Eastings is the horizontal line

Northings is the vertical line