

**Dallam CP School - Year 6**  
**Geography Key Knowledge – Autumn Term**  
 What is it like at the summit of the world?

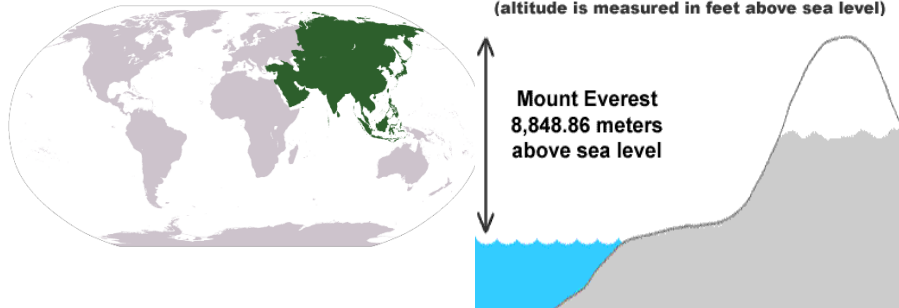
**Key Places**

**Mount Everest**-The Earth's highest mountain above sea level.

**Asia**-The largest continent in the world by both land area and population.



**Mount Everest has the HIGHEST ALTITUDE**  
 (altitude is measured in feet above sea level)



**Key People**

**Edmund Hillary**

New Zealand mountaineer, and explorer. On 29 May 1953, Hillary and Nepalese Sherpa mountaineer Tenzig Norgay became the first climbers confirmed to have reached the summit of Mount Everest.



**Junko Tabei**

Japanese mountaineer. She was the first woman to reach the summit of Mount Everest on 16th May 1975 and the first woman to complete the Seven Summits Challenge – climbing the highest peak on every continent.



**Key Facts**

- The highest mountain in the world is Mount Everest which is 8848m high
- It is part of the Himalayan mountain range which borders China (Tibet) and Nepal, in Asia.
- The Earth's crust is made up of seven tectonic plates
- Over 60 million years old, the Himalayas were formed by the movement of the Indian tectonic plate pushing up against the Eurasian plate.
- Key features of the mountain range include steep peaks, large glaciers and deep gorges.

**Vocabulary**

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| <b>tectonic plates</b> | large pieces of rock that make up the Earth's surface   |
| <b>fold mountain</b>   | a type of mountain that is formed when the tectonic plates collide, and the edges crumple as they are pushed together to create mountains |
| <b>gorge</b>           | a narrow valley with steep, rocky walls   |
| <b>glacier</b>         | a large body of ice and snow  |
| <b>crevice</b>         | a deep crack or opening in the surface  |
| <b>sherpa</b>          | a member of a Himalayan people living on the borders of Nepal and Tibet, renowned for their skill in mountaineering.                      |

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