

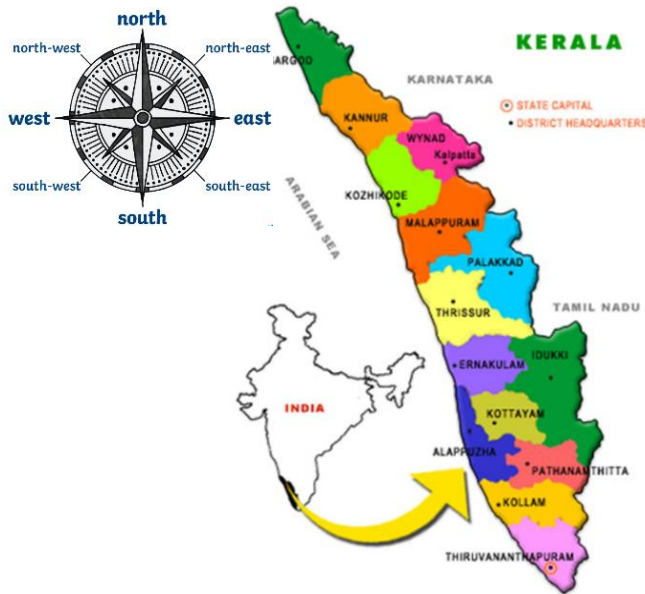
Year 2 Geography Knowledge Organiser: Kerala



Key Knowledge

Kerala – India

Kerala is a small state in India. It is a southwestern coastal state.



Malayalam is the most widely spoken language.

Landscape

Kerala is divided into three geographical regions:

Highlands - which is the area of major plantations like tea, coffee, rubber and various spices.



Midlands – lying between the mountains and lowlands.



Lowlands - also known as the Coastal Area. It is made up of numerous shallow lagoons known as backwaters.



Climate

Climate is the average weather in a place over many years. Kerala is a tropical land with three major seasons: Summer (February-May), Monsoon (June- August and October-November) and Winter (December-January). The temperature reaches up to 35 °C.

Tourism

Kerala is one of the most popular tourist destinations in the country, as well as tourists from other countries. Kerala is well known for its beaches, backwaters, mountain ranges and wildlife sanctuaries.

Transport

Kerala has 4 airports. Other popular modes of transport are autorickshaw, boat, train and bus.

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- Country – An area of land with its own government.
- State - territory with its own institution and population
- Landscape – a part of the Earth's surface that can be viewed at one time from one place.
- Climate – The weather conditions in an area over a long period of time.
- Tourism - people travelling for enjoyment. It includes activities such as sightseeing.
- Plantation - a large piece of land, especially in a tropical country, where crops are grown.
- Backwater - a part of a river in which there is little or no current.
- Coast – an area of land that borders the sea.