

What makes Europe great? Yr 5/6

National Curriculum links and rationale

Throughout this unit of work, you will build upon the knowledge already learnt about globally significant places across the world. You will learn to locate countries of Europe using maps (geographical skills), locating key capital cities. You will also begin to identify key landmarks throughout Europe and identify some physical features such as rivers, mountains, climate and weather (physical geography). You will research the population and average life expectancy for the continent (human geography).

What you should already know: You have previously learnt about different continents and how their climates vary - this is dependant upon where they are in the world. You will also know that the UK is part of the European continent (sense of place).

Key Vocabulary:

Landmark - an object or feature of a landscape or town that is easily seen and recognised from a distance, especially one that enables someone to establish their location.

Europe - is a continent and cultural region defined by both physical geography and cultural history, situated west of Asia.

Continent - any of the world's main continuous expanses of land (Europe, Asia, Africa, North and South America, Australia, Antarctica).

Country - a nation with its own government, occupying a particular territory.

Topographical features - these are the natural a man-made physical characteristics of a region's surface, including landforms like mountains and well as bodies of water and artificial structures such as buildings.

Compass - an instrument containing a magnetised pointer which shows the direction of magnetic north.

Grid reference - a map reference indicating a location in terms of a series of vertical and horizontal grid lines identified by numbers or letters.

Climate - the weather conditions prevailing in an area in general or over a long period.

Weather - the state of the atmosphere at a particular place and time, for example, heat, cloudiness, dryness, sunshine, wind, rain etc.



Top left: Leaning Tower of Pisa (Italy); Top right: Big Ben (England); Bottom: Eiffel Tower (France)