

Year 3 Autumn 2 – How does Great Britain fit in Europe



National Curriculum objectives: Pupils should be taught:

To locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on ... Europe (including the location of Russia), concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries and major cities. Identify the position and significance of latitude, longitude, Northern Hemisphere, time zones & Understand geographical similarities and differences through a study of human and physical geography of a region within the UK and Europe Describe and understand key aspects of physical geography, incl: rivers, mountains, biomes, and climate zones. Describe and understand key aspects of human geography: settlement, land use, economic activity, trade links, natural resources incl. energy, food, and minerals. Use geographical skills and fieldwork.

Key Knowledge:

- ❖ Europe is a continent located entirely in the Northern Hemisphere. It is bordered by the Arctic Ocean to the north, the Atlantic Ocean to the west, Asia to the east, and the Mediterranean Sea to the south. It is the 6th largest continent in the world.
- ❖ The UK neighbours several countries by sea including France, Belgium, Germany, Spain, Norway & Denmark.
- ❖ The closest capital city outside the UK would be Brussels in Belgium. The next closest is Paris in France.
- ❖ The largest city in Europe is Istanbul, Turkey, with a population of 14.7 million people.
- ❖ Europe is the second-smallest continent, but the third-largest in population. Around 10% of the world's population lives in Europe, with approx. 741.4 million people.
- ❖ Russia is the most populous country in Europe as well as the largest by area. It also has Europe's longest river, the river Volga. Other European countries with sizable populations include Germany (82.2 million), the United Kingdom (66.5 million) and France (65.2 million).
- ❖ Norway has the longest coastline in Europe.
- ❖ European countries can be grouped into northern, southern, western and eastern and can share similar climates.
- ❖ There are 44 European Countries
- ❖ Countries that form the EU:: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Republic of Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden.

Key vocabulary

- ❖ Latitude - imaginary 'horizontal' lines that circle the globe, with the Equator the
- ❖ Longitude – imaginary 'vertical' lines from Pole to Pole
- ❖ Northern Hemisphere The half of the Earth that is north of the Equator.
- ❖ Europe - A continent of the Northern Hemisphere. There are 44 countries in Europe.
- ❖ Continent - A very large area of land that consists of several countries. There are 7 continents: Asia Africa Europe North America South America Australia Antarctica
- ❖ Population all the people who live in a country or area
- ❖ Country - An area of land that has its own government.
- ❖ Capital city The city where the government of a country functions. They are usually large cities but not always the largest city in the country.
- ❖ Human Geography – Geography that focuses on human activity such as population, life expectancy, settlements, food, trade etc
- ❖ Physical Geography- Geography that focuses on the natural world such as rivers, mountains, volcanoes and other physical features
- ❖ Trade - the activity of buying, selling, or exchanging goods or services.
- ❖ Language - the communication of a particular country or people

What should I already know?

- ❖ A growing understanding of the wider world beyond the local area including the UK.
- ❖ Name and locate the 7 continents and oceans.
- ❖ Name and locate UK countries and capital cities.
- ❖ Human & physical features of the UK



Geographical skills and enquiry:

- Begin to suggest questions for investigation
- Use atlases (incl. index and contents), OS maps, online maps, maps with different scales
- Find and recognise places on maps, with different scales e.g. rivers, physical landmarks, cities, countries
- Use 6 compass points/4 figure coordinates to locate features on a map.

What is Europe?	Start of unit:	End of unit:
A city		
A county		
A country		
A continent		

Which of these is NOT a European country	Start of unit:	End of unit:
France		
Mexico		
Switzerland		
India		



What is the capital city of Italy?	Start of unit:	End of unit:
Lisbon		
Rome		
Athens		

Great Britain is	Start of unit:	End of unit:
A geographical term used to describe the countries of England, Scotland and Wales		
A political term used to describe England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland		

What is the largest European country?	Start of unit:	End of unit:
France		
Germany		
Russia		
Mexico		

What is the capital city of Greece?	Start of unit:	End of unit:
Athens		
Berlin		
Stockholm		

Which of these oceans surround Europe?	Start of unit:	End of unit:
The Atlantic and the Pacific		
The Pacific and the Indian		
The Atlantic and the Arctic		
The Arctic and the Pacific		

Which Country does this flag belong to?	Start of unit:	End of unit:
		
		

What is human geography?	
Start of unit:	
End of unit:	