

Netherton J&I School

Geography Unit of Work Overview Year 4 Our European Neighbours



Unit of Work	Our European Neighbours
Text Driver	Use of Non-fiction texts, internet for research purposes.
NC Objectives	KS2 - locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on Europe (including the location of Russia) and North and South America, concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries, and major cities KS2 - understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom, a region in a European country, and a region within North or South America KS2 - describe and understand key aspects of human geography, including: types of settlement and land use, economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water KS2 - use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied
Unit of Work Summary	During the unit of work the children will learn about the continent of Europe! The children will discover some fascinating facts about Europe, but they will also find out the names, locations and features of European countries and capitals.
Prior Learning	• The children will have learnt about the 7 continents and 5 oceans in KS1. • The children will have learnt about hot and cold climates of the world in relation to the equator. • The children should be able to name some countries of the world and some children may be able to identify some European countries. • Most children may have some knowledge of European countries through sport such as Olympics and football.

	• Some children may also have visited some European countries on holiday and have some knowledge of the places they have visited. (These may include knowledge of Greece, France, Spain, Italy and Portugal.) • Some children may also be able to talk about the climate and culture of some European countries. Children may recognise the flags of some European countries such as France, Spain, Italy. • All children will have some experience of some eating foods from European countries that are readily available in the UK. (Italian pizza and pasta and French baguette for example)
Sticky Knowledge	• To know that there are 51 countries in Europe and 742 million people living there which is 10% of the world's population. • To know that physical geography refers to Oceans, lakes, mountains, rivers, weather and climate patterns. • To know that human geography refers to Country/region boundaries, buildings, roads, language, religion, government. • To locate Europe on a world map. • To know that the UK is a country in Europe. • To know some of the geographical features of Europe. • To know some human features of different European countries, including flags, currencies and governments. • To know the difference between a continent, country and capital city before identifying the capital cities of a variety of European countries. • To locate capital cities and start to explore features of some major cities. • To know some key landmarks belonging to different European cities.
New Vocabulary	Agriculture Land used for growing crops and keeping livestock. arable Land used for producing crops climate The usual or average weather conditions over a long period of time. continent A large area of land divided into countries. Country An area defined by its people, culture, language, geography and government.

	human geography Anything in an area that is not naturally occurring and that has been shaped by people. Landscapes An area of land and everything you can see on it. physical geography Anything in an area that is naturally occurring. population The number of people living in an area. Precipitation Water particles that fall from a cloud as rain, hail, sleet or snow. Weather The specific atmospheric conditions on a given day including temperature and rainfall.
Post Learning	Study of Ancient Greece in Upper KS2 and how it was different to modern day Greece. Year 6 Mapping Skills unit of work and focused learning on trade, including European imports and exports.

