

Riverside Primary – Geography Knowledge Organiser LKS2 Our European Neighbours

Topic: Our Local Area

Phase: LKS2

NC Strand: Locational Knowledge, Geographical Skills and Fieldwork.

Key Vocabulary:

continent	A <b>continent</b> is a massive area of land that is separated from others by water or other natural features.
population	All the people who live in a country or area.
country	An area of land that is controlled by its own government.
language	The <b>words</b> and expressions used and understood by a large group of people
human geography	<b>Human geography</b> focuses on where people live, what they do, and how they use the land.
landmark	A building or feature which is easily recognised.
physical geography	<b>Physical geography</b> is the study of the Earth's natural features, such as mountains, rivers, deserts and oceans.
mountain	A <b>mountain</b> is 'higher and steeper than a hill'. Generally, <b>mountains</b> are higher than 600 metres. Those less than 600 metres are called hills.
river	A <b>river</b> is a flowing, moving stream of water.
city	A place in which people live and work that is larger than a <b>town</b> .
Capital city	A <b>capital</b> is a <b>city</b> where a countries government is located. This is where government buildings are and where government leaders work.
border	Borders separate countries.

- **Locational knowledge** - locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on Europe (including the location of Russia).
- **Place Knowledge** - 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.

What Should I Already Know?

There are seven **continents** on Earth and together they cover one third of the world, with the oceans covering the other two thirds.

**Africa, Antarctica, Asia, Australia/Oceania, Europe, North America, and South America.**

We live in **England**, which is a country. England, which is in the **United Kingdom**, is in the continent of **Europe**.

The capital city of England is **London**.

The surrounding **seas** of the United Kingdom: The United Kingdom is located between the **North Atlantic Ocean** in the west and the **North Sea** in the east.

**The UK has only one land border, and that is on the island of Ireland.**



This map shows the oceans and seas surrounding Europe. How many can you spot?



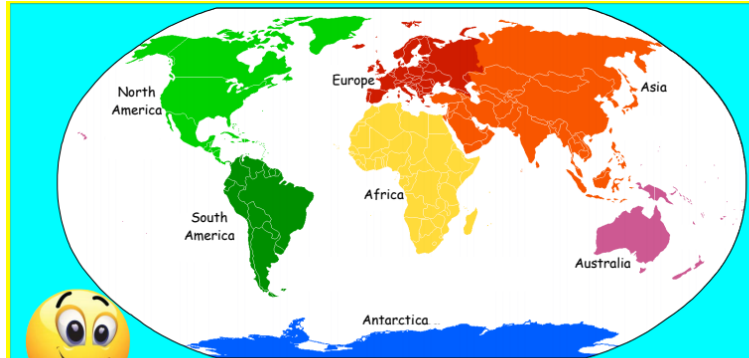
### Capital cities in Europe

- London, Dublin, Madrid, Rome, Paris, Athens, Berlin, Oslo, Vienna, Budapest, Ankara, Moscow.

These are some of the major capital cities in Europe.

Do you know which countries they are in?

### Continents of the world



These are the seven continents of the world!

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### Human geography

Human geography focuses on human activity. Studying human geography can involve looking at aspects such as population, culture, and communities. This means you might look at what jobs people have, what foods they eat, how healthy people are, life expectancy, the kinds of settlements people live in and many other things.

### Physical geography

Physical geography studies the natural world. This can include anything in nature, from mountains, volcanoes and hills to lakes, streams and rivers. It also includes looking at the climate and weather, as well as the environment.



**Did you know?**  
Europe is the fifth largest continent in the world, however it includes the world's biggest and smallest countries. Russia is the largest country in the world with an area of 17 million km squared, whereas The Vatican City is the smallest country with an area of less than 1km squared!

**Countries in Europe**  
There are 51 countries in Europe.  
How many can you name?