

Year 4 Knowledge Organiser-Which area of France would you like to visit?



What will I learn?

In this topic we will learn:

- to locate countries in Europe using an atlas
- to identify physical and human features on a range of maps, atlases and digital devices including mountains, rivers and cities
- to understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical aspects of France



Previous learning

Y1 Hot and cold countries
Y2 - What would Paddington see in London?
Y3 - Would you rather live in the city or the countryside?
Y4 - Were the Vikings really that bad?

You should already know:

- Locating hot and cold countries on the globe - know different continents
- how to find the UK on a map of the world
- how to find human and physical characteristics on a map
- how to locate the Scandinavian countries of Norway, Sweden and Denmark

Vocabulary Dozen

Alpine region	Cold and mountainous
Atlantic region	Low and flat often coastline
Continental region	Cool rainy winters and hot summers
Mediterranean region	Warm summers and cold winters
climate zone	An area of land that has a particular climate
climate	The normal weather conditions of an area
human features	A feature that is built by humans and would not have existed in nature without humans e.g. cities, transport networks (such as road and rail)
Europe	Continent where the UK and France are located
Paris	The capital city of France
physical features	A feature that has been formed by nature e.g. oceans, mountains, rivers and climate
tourism	People travelling to places to visit and explore for enjoyment and leisure activities
tourist attraction	A place that people visit for enjoyment and interest

Key Knowledge (France)

Countries of Europe

We will be locating some of these and also identifying their capital cities. We will be focussing on France

France: Some key facts

Capital city: Paris

Bordering countries Belgium, Switzerland, Luxembourg, Germany, Spain and Italy

Physical Features of France

- Bodies of water: The Mediterranean sea, the Bay of Biscay and the English Channel.
- Mountain Ranges: The Pyrenees, the Alps,
- Some important French rivers are The Loire and The Seine, which flows through Paris and is the only major river in Europe to flow into the Mediterranean Sea.

Climate of France

The climate of France varies due to its differing physical features - mountains, rivers and seas. There are four main climate zones: Atlantic, Mediterranean, Alpine and Continental. The different climate zones have different types of tourism. We will investigate this.

Human Features of Paris

We will be looking at some tourist attractions: the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral, the Louvre Museum, the Arc de Triomphe and the Tuileries Gardens.

Visit this National Geographic website for children
and find out lots of facts about France.



My name is Thema. I
was born in Africa
but I love to explore
the world

