

Knowledge about Europe and Italy

- ❑ There are six major mountain regions in Europe. They are the Pyrenees, Alps, Carpathians, Apennines, Caucasus Mountains and Balkan Mountains.
- ❑ The highest peak in a mountain range is displayed with a triangle symbol. Mount Elbrus is the highest mountain in Europe at 5,642 metres.
- ❑ There are 10 main rivers that span different countries within Europe and stem from mountain regions.
- ❑ The Earth's crust is broken up into huge areas. These are called tectonic plates.
- ❑ Mountains are formed in different ways. There are 5 main types: fold, fault-block, volcanic, dome and plateau.
- ❑ Mount Vesuvius erupted on the 24th August AD79. It covered the town of Pompeii in a layer of volcanic ash and rock preserving it for over 2000 years.
- ❑ Living near a volcano can be beneficial. The benefits include fertile soil, geothermal energy, tourism, and access to minerals.
- ❑ Italy is located in Southern Europe. It is South East of the United Kingdom and has a warmer climate than the UK as it is closer to the Tropic of Cancer and the Equator.
- ❑ Mount Etna is active volcano located on the east coast of Sicily. Mount Etna lies on the convergent plate margin between the Eurasian plate and the African plate.

Subject-Specific Vocabulary

Word	Definition
Tier 1	
❑ Ash	Fine particles of rock that are blown from a volcano when it erupts.
❑ Lava	Molten rock that erupts from the volcano.
❑ Mountain	A large natural elevation of the Earth's surface rising steeply from the surrounding ground level.
❑ River	A large natural stream of water flowing in a channel to the sea, a lake or another river.
❑ Volcano	A mountain or a hill having a crater or vent, through which lava, rock and gas are or have been erupted from the Earth's crust.
Tier 2	
❑ Active	A volcano that has erupted in the past 10,000 years.
❑ Crater	The steep sided mouth of the volcano.
❑ Dormant	A volcano that has not erupted for a while but could possibly erupt again.
❑ Extinct	A volcano that has not erupted in the past 10,000 years and is not expected to erupt again.
❑ Magma	Molten rock beneath the Earth's surface.
❑ Tectonic Plates	The Earth's outer layer is made up of large moving pieces called Tectonic plates. All of the Earth's land and water sit on these plates which are made of rock.
❑ Tourism	Commercial organisation of holidays and visits to places of interest.
❑ Vent	An opening of the volcano at the Earth's surface.
Tier 3	
❑ Topography	The arrangement of the physical features of an area such as land elevation.

Enquiry Question

How does the physical Geography of a European country impact the lives of people living within that country?

Year 4
Italy!



Reading Texts

Escape from Pompeii
by Christina Balit.

Memorable Moments

A Taste of Europe.
Children to try foods from different European countries. Children will make and bake their own pizza.

Italy



An in-depth study of a region within Europe. Mountains and volcanoes.

Links

Year 3 – Rocks
Year 3 – Romans
Year 6 – Volcanoes, tectonic plates and fault lines.