

## Key Vocabulary

<b>physical geography</b>	Examines the nature and environment and with it, natural hazards and their effects.
<b>human geography</b>	Studies the effect of our activities on the planet and what living in our environments on the lives and activities of the people means.
<b>Europe</b>	Europe is the sixth largest continent in size and the third largest in population
<b>climate</b>	The weather conditions in an area over a general or long period.
<b>weather</b>	Daily weather conditions
<b>river</b>	A river is a natural watercourse flowing towards the sea
<b>mountain</b>	Land that rises to form a peak-usually greater than 600m.
<b>atlas</b>	An atlas is a collection of maps or charts
<b>map</b>	A map is a drawing of all or part of the Earth's surface
<b>culture</b>	Culture is the way that people live, and food, clothing, language and celebrations are all a part of culture
<b>London</b>	Capital city of UK
<b>Rome</b>	Capital city of Italy
<b>landmark</b>	An object or feature of a landscape that is easily seen and enables someone to establish their location.

## UK and Italy

**The children will be using atlases and maps to locate various areas of Italy and UK. By the end of the topic the children will know key facts about Italy and the UK. They will have compared the key human and physical characteristics of the two places.**

## Background Knowledge

**In KS1, children have learnt to name, locate and identify characteristics of the 4 countries of the U.K. and know the names of the capital cities and the surrounding seas. They have used maps, atlases and globes. They located the 7 continents and 5 oceans of the world. They know the location of hot and cold places of the world in relation to the equator and North and South Pole. They have identified seasonal and daily weather patterns in the U.K.**

## Key Facts

Italy and United Kingdom are in Europe: the UK is in northern Europe & Italy in southern Europe.

Italy has a Mediterranean climate (mild winters and dry, hot summers) and the UK has a temperate climate (cold winters and mild summers).

Italy's longest river is the River Po which flows 405 miles. The River Severn is the longest in the UK covering a distance of 220 miles.

Italy is very mountainous with mountains covering a third of the country. Its most famous mountain ranges are the Alps, the Dolomites and the Apennines. Italy's tallest mountain is Mont Blanc which is 4810m tall. The UK's tallest mountain is Ben Nevis at 1345m. England is a rather flat country and not very mountainous.

Italians use euros. The UK use pounds and pence.

Italy has 3 active volcanoes. The UK has no active volcanoes.

Italy and UK have similar cultures with some world renown landmarks e.g. Colosseum in Rome and Buckingham Palace in London

### UNITED KINGDOM



**LOCATION:** An island near northwestern Europe.

**AREA:** 243,610sq km.

**POPULATION:** 67.2 million people.

**CAPITAL CITY:** London

**BORDERS:** 1 country: On the island of Ireland, Northern Ireland borders the Republic of Ireland.

**COASTLINE:** 4 coastlines: North Sea, the English Channel, the Irish Sea and Atlantic Ocean.

### ITALY



**LOCATION:** Mainland southern Europe.

**AREA:** 302,073sq km.

**POPULATION:** 60 million people.

**CAPITAL CITY:** Rome

**BORDERS:** 6 countries: France, Switzerland, Austria, Slovenia, Vatican City and San Marino.

**COASTLINE:** It has a long coastline on the Mediterranean Sea.