

Willerby Carr Lane Primary School - Geography

**Topic: Place knowledge of Italy
(inc volcanoes and earthquakes)**

Year: 3

**Strand: Place knowledge/ Human
& Physical Geography**

What should I already know?

- The UK is part of Europe
- Where Europe is on a world map
- The continents surround Europe
- The oceans that are next to Europe
- The size of Europe compared to other continents
- The names and features of some of the countries that make up Europe (including Russia): Italy, France, Germany, Spain, Greece and Russia
- The names of some of the cities in Europe: Rome, Paris, Madrid, Moscow
- How to describe the location within Europe of the 6 countries above using the 8 compass points. E.g. Italy is in the South of Europe (directional)

What will I know by the end of the unit?

Where is Italy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Italy is in Europe • It is a peninsula • It shares borders with Slovenia, Austria, Switzerland and France
The Physical and Human features of Italy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See table

Vocabulary

adjacent	next to
bordering	(of a country or area) be adjacent to (another country or area)
capital city	the city where the government sits London is the capital city of England
continent	a very large area of land that consists of many countries Europe is a continent
culture	the ideas, customs, and social behaviour of a particular people or society
earthquake	the shaking of the surface of the Earth
human geography	a part of geography looking impact of human activity in that area of the world
landmark	an object or feature of a landscape or town that is easily seen and recognised from a distance, especially one that enables someone to establish their location
lava	hot molten rock erupted from a volcano , or solid rock resulting from cooling of this
mountain range	a mountain range or hill range is a series of mountains or hills ranged in a line and connected by high ground
peninsula	a landform surrounded by water on the majority of its border while being connected to a mainland from which it extends
physical geography	the natural features in that area of the world
tectonic plates	tectonic plates are pieces of earth's crust and uppermost mantle



Features of Italy		
	Human features	Physical features
Italy	<p>Culture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'birthplace of Western civilisation' • Food and drink: pasta, pizza, chees, wine, meat and fish dishes and wine) • Religion: mainly Christian • Carnivals: Carnival of Venice, Carnivals of Oranges • Family life • Art: Mona Lisa • Music: opera • Fashion: major fashion designers to come from Italy • World famous cities: Rome, Venice, Milan, Pisa, Florence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bordering countries: France, Switzerland, Austria, Slovenia • The surrounding seas: Mediterranean, Adriatic and Ionian. Italy has nearly 5000 miles of coastline as the peninsula. Italy is popular for its many picturesque ports and sandy beaches. • Mountains – Apennines, Alps and Dolomites • Volcanoes – Pompeii and Mount Vesuvius • Ponte Vecchio, bridge crossing a river in Florence • Leaning Tower of Pisa • Rome – the Colosseum the largest ever amphitheatre built in the Roman Empire • The Pantheon – cathedral in Rome • Venice • Herculaneum (destroyed by volcano) • Earthquakes - Southern Italy is very close to the line where the Eurasian and African plates meet and constantly grate against each other creating seismic and volcanic tension

Geographical Skills and Fieldwork	
•	Use maps, atlases and globes to locate Europe and Italy (and its seas, mountains, cities)

