

Europe: Country Comparison



Curriculum Links:

Locational knowledge

Place knowledge

Geographical skills and fieldwork

* See coverage documents for more information

Key Facts:

- The UK is made up of 4 countries. England is separated into counties
- We live in Maidstone which a town in the county of Kent. Canterbury is the only city in Kent. Kent has many coastal towns with a ports which can be used to cross the English Channel
- The River Medway runs through Maidstone and a number of Kentish towns
- Kent borders Essex, London, Surrey and Sussex
- The capital city of England is London - major landmarks include Big Ben, the London Eye, Tower Bridge etc
- There are 44 countries in Europe

Identify key facts for chosen country:

- The capital city and main cities
- Examples of physical features eg rivers, mountain ranges
- Examples of human features eg major landmarks
- Describe the location of the country: the continent it is in, surrounding countries, location in the world, what type of land etc
- Make comparisons between chosen country and the UK

Key Skills:

- Compare the two countries using aerial photographs and make comparisons
- Describe the countries locations using compass points
- Use maps and atlases to find the two countries
- Make comparisons between the two counties

Possible experiences: We should already know:

- Sample food from chosen country
- Take part in cultural experiences from chosen country - dance, music, festivals etc
- Visit key landmarks in Maidstone/ Kent/London
- We live in Maidstone, which is in Kent.
- Kent is in England, which is in the UK and in the continent of Europe
- There are seven continents and five oceans
- Key features in the UK



Key Vocabulary

Atlas	A book of map and charts
City	A large town
Climate	The weather conditions which are typical of a place
Continent	A large area of land which consists of a number of countries
Country	An area of land controlled by its own government
Human features	Something that would not have existed in nature without humans
Map	A diagram of an area of land
Physical feature	Natural features of land
Tourist	A person visiting a place for pleasure and interest
Trade	Activity of buying, selling or exchanging goods and services