

Medium Term Plan: Supporting Implementation of LTP/Progression Grid

Subject: Geography – Europe - Greece

Year: LKS2 - Year A – Spring

NC/PoS:

Locational knowledge

- locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on Europe (including the location of Russia) concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics and countries.

Place knowledge

- understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom, a region in a European country.
- understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom

Human and physical geography

- describe and understand key aspects of:
- physical geography, including: climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts, rivers, mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes, and the water cycle
- human geography, including: types of settlement and land use, economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water

Geographical skills and fieldwork

- use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied
- use the eight points of a compass, four and six-figure grid references, symbols and key (including the use of Ordnance Survey maps) to build their knowledge of the United Kingdom and the wider world
- use fieldwork to observe, measure, record and present the human and physical features in the local area using a range of methods, including sketch maps, plans and graphs, and digital technologies.

Prior Learning (what pupils already know and can do)

Year 4 children will know about the ancient history of Greece – History unit Year B. Year 4 children will know where the most well known European volcanoes and mountains are. Children will know the continents of the world.

End Points (what pupils MUST know and remember)

Know where Europe is in the world.

Know that the continent of Europe is bounded by the Arctic Ocean to the north, the Mediterranean Sea to the south and the Atlantic Ocean to the west.

Know that Europe has 50 countries.

Name and locate Greece, Spain, France, Russia (Largest country in the world), Italy, Germany, Norway, Switzerland, Poland, Vatican City (Smallest country in the world) on a map.

Know that climate is the average weather condition of a place over a long period of time.

Know that the climate of a location is linked to its location in the world.

Name the world's climate zones – Tropical, Arid, Mediterranean, Continental, Temperate, Polar.

Know that Europe has three main climate zones – Temperate, Mediterranean, Polar.

Know that a biome is an area with certain plants and animals that have adapted to the climate there.

Know the biomes that can be found in Europe – Tundra, Temperate Grassland, Deciduous Forest, Coniferous Forest, Mediterranean, Alpine.

Name the longest rivers in Europe – Volga (Russia) and Danube (Runs through many countries)

Name the highest mountains in Europe – Mount Elbrus (Russia) and Mount Blanc (France)

Know that the active volcanoes Mount Etna and Mount Vesuvius are in Italy.

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Know that Athens is the capital and largest city of Greece.
Locate Athens on a map.
Know that Athens has a Mediterranean climate – hot, dry summers and mild winters.
Know that Athens stretches on a large peninsula that is protected by mountains from all sides of the horizon.
Know that Athens is one of oldest cities in the world. It is very urban with a huge population.
Know that Athens is a popular tourist destination due to its climate and ancient history.

Key Vocabulary

Continent, country, city, equator, climate, biome, mountain, volcano, river, topography, geology, settlement, tourism, land use, peninsula

Session 1:

Where is Europe?

Revisit KS1 unit on continents.

Where in the world is Europe? – Using a range of maps, compass points, focusing on locational knowledge locate Europe on a world map. There are fifty countries altogether. Locate a range of countries – see end points.

Vocabulary: continent, country, equator

Session

What are Europe's climate zones and biomes?

Introduce climate zones. Europe has 3 main climates – Temperate, Polar, and Mediterranean. What climate does England, Spain, Greece have? Discuss with reference to the equator. Introduce biomes. The biomes of Europe are Tundra, Coniferous forest, Deciduous forest, Mediterranean, Alpine, Temperate grassland.

Vocabulary: climate, biome, equator,

Session 3:

What is Europe like?

Explore Europe's physical and human features, geology, and topography.

Vocabulary: mountain, volcano, river, climate, biome,

Session 4:

Where is Greece?

Locate Greece and Athens on a map. Using a range of maps, coordinates, compass points, focusing on locational knowledge. Discuss scale, size etc.

Vocabulary: continent, country, equator

Session 5:

What is Athens like?

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Weather, climate, geology, topography, biomes, settlements, physical geography, human geography, tourism, history.

Vocabulary: climate, geology, topography, settlement, land use, tourism, peninsula

Future learning this content supports:

The content of this unit supports the next unit – a comparative study. It will also support further units on world continents.