

Y3 Knowledge Organiser Geography - Topic: Countries and Cities of the World (Autumn term)

What should I already know?

- The town I live in is called Buntingford (or insert as applicable) and it is in the county of Hertfordshire, in the country of England
- England, which is in the United Kingdom, is in the continent of Europe
- The seven continents (including Europe) and the five oceans

Objectives/Outcomes

- I can locate the countries that make up the UK on a map
- I can locate the main countries of Europe inc. Russia
- I can name the capital cities of the countries of the UK
- I can label the key cities in the UK and Europe on a map
- I can name the seas surrounding the UK
- I can name some of the UK's main rivers
- I can find the names of seas on a map
- I can explain what a county is
- I can find my county on a map
- I can find and name higher ground areas on a map of the UK
- I can describe how the UK population has changed over time
- I can use the 8 compass directions to find a location on a map
- I can name the seas that some rivers flow into
- I can find the names of rivers on a map
- I can follow a river on a map to find where it starts and ends
- I can identify the position and significance of the Equator, N and S hemisphere, Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn
- I can compare East Anglia with Italy

- Geographical skills and fieldwork
- Finding countries using a map, an atlas, computer mapping (eg Google Earth) and a globe
- Comparing human and physical geographical features of the countries saying how they are similar and different
- Use compass points to describe countries, direction of rivers and places of high ground in relation to each other
- Use 2 figure grid references (maths co-ordinates)
- Use basic symbols and a key (including the use of a simplified Ordnance Survey Map)

- I can identify the longest rivers in the world, largest deserts and highest mountains and then compare this with the UK.

Key vocabulary

- **Atlas** - book of maps
- **Capital city** - the city where the government sits. London is the capital city of the UK.
- **Climate** - the general weather conditions that are typical of a place
- **Coasts** - An area of land that is next to the sea
- **Compass points** - Any of the main points of a compass: north, south, east, west, north-east, north-west, south-east, south-west
- **Continent** - A very large area of land that consists of many countries. Europe is a continent.
- **County** - A specific region of a country. The county we live in is Hertfordshire. Examples of neighbouring counties are Essex and Bedfordshire.
- **Desert** - a large area of land, usually in a hot region, where there is almost no water, rain, trees or plants
- **Equator** - An imaginary line around the middle of the Earth at an equal distance from the north and south poles.

Resources:

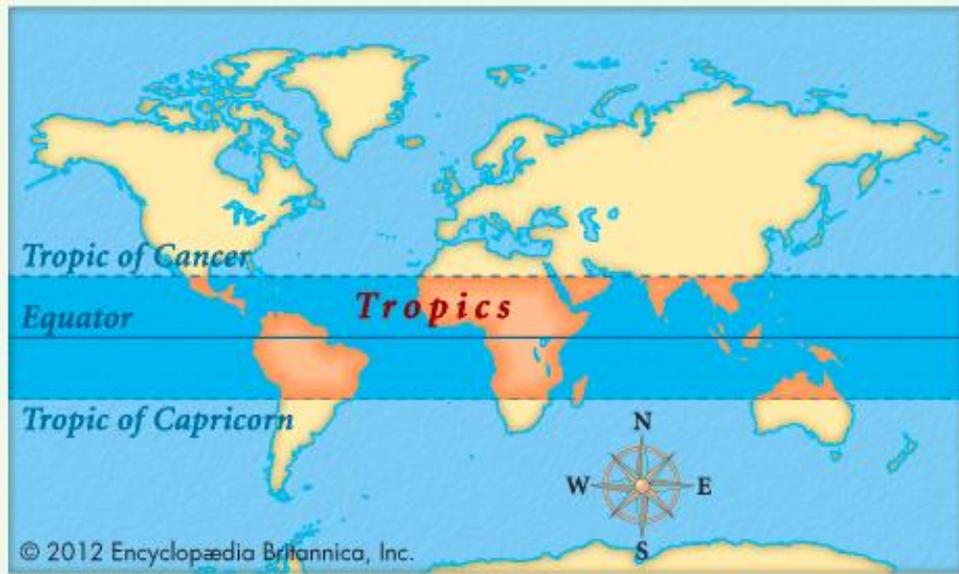
- Atlases
- Tourist leaflets about the local area
- Maps of physical features of the UK
- Google Earth
- Globes

Curriculum links:

- Maths - co-ordinates, comparing heights and lengths, position and direction

- **Globe** - a ball shaped object with a map of the world on it
- **Human geography** - features of land that have been impacted by human activity
- **Northern hemisphere** - the top half of the Earth above the equator
- **Ocean** - one of the five very large areas of salt water on the Earth's surface
- **Physical geography** - natural features of land
- **Population** - All the people who live in a country or area
- **Sea** - a large area of salty water that is part of an ocean
- **Southern Hemisphere** - the bottom half of the Earth below the equator
- **Tropic of Cancer** - an imaginary line around the globe at the northernmost point where the sun can be directly overhead
- **Tropic of Capricorn** - an imaginary line around the globe at the southernmost point where the sun can be directly overhead

Key knowledge



The United Kingdom



Europe

