

## St Peter's Primary School

### What I should already know:

- The village I live in is called Prenton, which is in Wirral, England.
- Wirral is in England, which is a country.
- England, which is in the United Kingdom, is in the continent of Europe.
- The seven continents (including Europe) and five oceans.
- The Anglo-Saxons migrated from Germany and began to settle in Britain around 450 AD.

### At the end of this topic, I will know:

- Find the countries using a map, an atlas and a globe. What are the skills you need to use each of these?
- Compare the human and physical geographical features of the countries saying how they are similar and different. How can you present this information in different ways (e.g. Carroll and Venn diagrams).
- Research the different climate zones in each country.
- Research the average temperature for each of the countries and create a chart to show this.
- Observe aerial view photographs to compare countries and climate zones.
- Use the compass points to describe the countries in relation to each other

## YEAR 3: Geography Countries and Cities of Europe



### Key Facts:

The capital of France is **Paris**

Famous landmarks: Eiffel Tower, Disneyland

- Trade—farming, fashion, wine
  - High levels of tourism
  - Main language: French
- Mountain ranges including the Alps.
- Rivers, including the Seine
  - Warm summers and cool winters (temperate)
  - Has coasts on the English Channel

The capital of Russia is **Moscow**

Famous landmarks: St Basil's Cathedral

- Trade—energy (oil, gas and coal)
  - Largest population in Europe.
  - Main language: Russian
- Largest country in Europe by land
- Due to its size, there are many climate zones
  - Has a coast on the Arctic Ocean—this part of Russia consists of a tundra biome.

The capital of Germany is **Berlin**

Famous landmarks: Berlin Wall, Brandenburg Gate

- Trade—automobiles
  - Main language: German
- The Black Forest can be found to the south of Germany, near Switzerland. It is a mountainous region, full of vegetation. • The Alps, a mountain range in Europe, can be found in Germany.



### Vocabulary

Atlas	A book of maps.
Capital city	The city where the government sits.
City	A large town.
Climate	The general weather conditions that are typical of it.
Climate zones	Sections of the earth which are divided accordingly to climate. There are three main climate zones; polar, temperate and tropical.
Coast	An area of land that is next to the sea.
Compass points	Point on a compass making the 4 main directions. North, South, East, West.
Continent	Very large land of mass that consists of many countries.
Country	An area of land which is controlled by its own government.
Desert	A large area of land, usually in 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 north and south pole.
Globe	A ball shaped object with a map of the world on it.
Human geography	Features of a land that have been impacted by human activity.
Language	Communication of a particular country or people.
Ocean	One of the 5 very large areas of salt water on earth's surface.
Population	All people who live in a country or area.
Temperature	A place which is never extremely hot or cold.
Tourist	A person visiting a place for pleasure/ interest, especially on holiday.
Tundra	A flat layer of land where the top layer is frozen. There is hardly any vegetation.
Vegetation	Plants, trees and flowers.