Coley Primary School – Knowledge Organiser

SUBJECT FOCUS:	Our European Neighbours	YEAR 4	TERM

WHAT? – Key Knowledge

Europe is one of the 7 continents that make the world.

The 7 continents are Asia, Africa, North America, South America, Antarctica, Australasia and **Europe**.

There are 44 countries in Europe. Some countries in Europe are members of the European Union called the EU for short.

Each country is Europe is a different size and has a different population. Each country has its own capital city, language and culture.

The physical geography of Europe varies from country to country. Some physical features are very famous and are popular with tourists.

Some countries in Europe have a monarch for example the UK and Norway. Some European countries have no monarch for example France and Germany.

Paris and London

France is closest mainland European country to the UK.

The capital city of the UK is London. The capital city of France is Paris. This is where the governments are that run the countries.

Both cities have rivers:

London – The Thames



Paris – The Seine



Both cities also have famous landmarks that are popular with tourists.

Famous landmarks in London include:



The Tower of London



Buckingham Palace

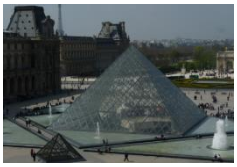


Westminster Palace

WHAT? – Key vocabulary

Human geography	How humans interact with each other and the environment.
Physical geography	The natural features that are in the environment.
Border	Border are political boundaries that outline
City	A place where many people live close together.
Capital City	The city that has the central government of a country.
Cave	A natural underground chamber in a hillside or cliff.
Continent	One of the seven large continuous pieces of land that make the world.
Country	A land controlled by a single government.
Currency	The money system of a country.
Europe	A continent in the Northern Hemisphere part of the land mass called Eurasia.
European Union	A group of European countries whose governments work together.
Fjords	long, narrow inlet from the sea with steep cliffs, often found in Norway
Forest	A large area dominated by trees and undergrowth.
Monarchy	A country that has a king or queen.
Mountain range	A series of mountains in a line all connected together.
Population	The number of people living in an area.
River	A river is the path that water takes as it flows along a channel downhill with banks on both sides and a bed at the bottom.
Volcano	A mountain where molten rock erupts through the surface of the planet.

Famous Landmarks in Paris include:



The Louvre

The Eiffel Tower



Famous European Physical Features

The Black Forest - Germany



The Aurora Borealis- Norway, Finland and Sweden
'Northern Lights'



The Matterhorn – Switzerland



Eisriesenwelt (Underground ice caves) - Austria



Eyjafjallajökull – Iceland, an active volcano.

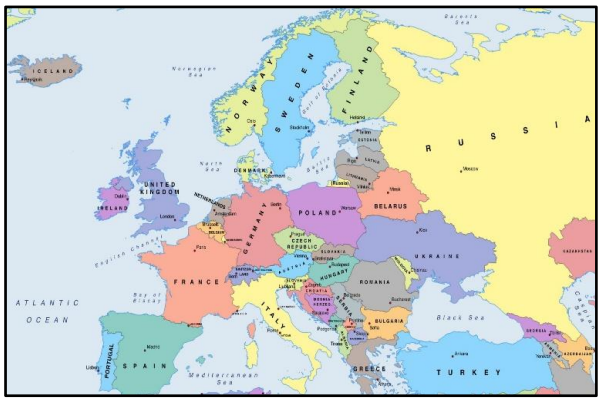


Mount Vesuvius – Italy
Active volcano



Diagrams and Symbols

A political map of Europe



A physical map of Europe

