Coley Primary School – Knowledge Organiser

SUBJECT FOCUS:	Italy Today	YEAR 4	TERM

WHAT? – Key Knowledge

Physical Geography

Italy is in the continent of Europe and it is a peninsula.

It has two mountain ranges called the Alps and the Apennines.

Italy is the only country in Europe with active volcano. Mount Vesuvius is the most famous, it destroyed the city of Pompeii in 79AD.

Northern Italy has the River Po it runs from East to West and has many tributaries.

Northern Italy has colder winters and humid summers. Southern Italy has milder winters and hot dry summers.

Italy has natural resources in pozzlana, pumice and marble and it exports these to other countries.

Most food that is grown in Italy is not exported but eaten by the Italian population.

Human Geography

Italy is member of the European Union (EU) and uses the currency of Euros.

Italy has a population of 60 million and 2.8 million people live in Rome.

Italy is divided into 20 regions including the islands of Sicily and Sardinia.

The capital city of Italy is Rome and the official language is Italian.

Italy does not have a state religion however the majority of people are Roman Catholic Christians.

The Vatican City is an independent state inside the capital city of Rome. The Pope of the Roman Catholic church lives here.

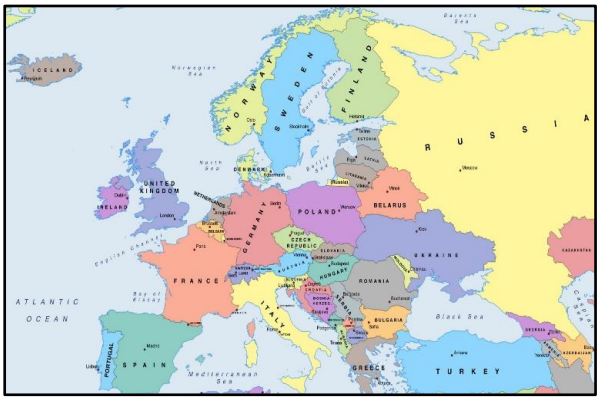
Italy has some very famous cities that are very popular with tourists and have some world famous landmarks such as the Colosseum in Rome and canals of Venice.

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
Capital City	The city that has the central government of a country.
Continent	One of the seven large continuous pieces of land that make the world.
Culture	Lots of thing make a country's culture such as food, language, clothing, arts, customs and beliefs.
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.
Island	An area of land smaller than a continent entirely surrounded by water.
Mountain range	A series of mountains in a line all connected together.
Natural resources	Something found in nature and used by people.
River Mouth	The end of a river where it flows into the sea, another river or a lake
Peninsula	Land that is connected to a mainland but is otherwise surrounded by water.
Population	The number of people living in an area.
River Source	The start of a river
Regions	An area within part of a country.
Tributary	Smaller river which joins onto the main channel of a river
Valley	A low area between hills or mountains usually with a river running through it.

Diagrams and Symbols

A political map of Europe



A physical map of Italy



Key Places

Rome



Venice



Pisa



Diagrams and Symbols

Key Physical Features

The route of the River Po across Northern Italy



The Alps and Apennies mountain ranges





Active Volcanoes

Vesuvius



Etna



Stromboli



Key Places

Florence



Milan

