

# VOCABULARY

- amphitheatre** brick built oval stadium - Roman architecture
- arctic Circle** one of the two polar regions on earth
- borders** political factors and physical (e.g. rivers, mountains and seas) affect where borders between countries are set
- commerce** activity of buying and selling on a large scale
- English Channel** a 560km stretch of sea which separates England from France - important for trade
- euro** the unit of money used across most of Europe
- evergreen** coniferous trees which keep their leaves all year
- fleeing** moving from one place to another, away from something
- fjords** long, narrow inlet from the sea with steep cliffs, often found in Norway
- Iberian Peninsula** Portugal, Spain and Andorra, where the region is hotter and drier than the rest of Western Europe
- Mediterranean** southern areas of Europe which have mild winters and hot summers (e.g. Spain, Turkey)
- polar regions** northern Europe which is cold and dry all year
- Temperate** this middle section of Europe has cold winters and mild summers (e.g. U.K., Germany, Poland)
- Russia** only Western Russia is considered inside Europe
- Scandinavia** Norway, Sweden and Denmark – cool climates

## WHAT CAME BEFORE

Year 4 - UK Vs South America

## WHAT COMES NEXT

Year 6 - Continents, Countries & Cities

## UK vs Europe

### WHAT YOU SHOULD ALREADY KNOW

- Some European countries and capital cities
- How to find them on a map
- The difference between physical and human features and confidently name some



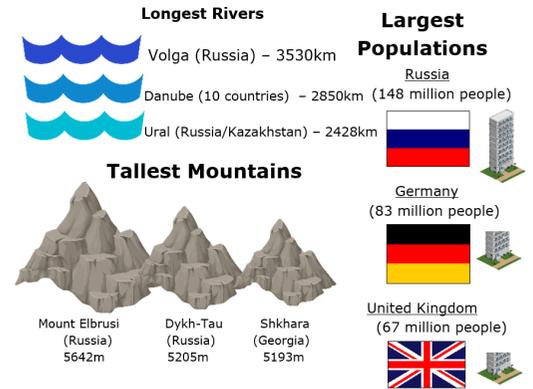
### Physical Features

<p><b>Giant's Causeway</b></p>	<p>Located in County Antrim in Northern Ireland, it consists of 40,000 interlocking columns created from a volcanic eruption formed over 50 million years ago.</p>
<p><b>The Alps</b></p>	<p>These are the longest mountain range in Europe and the highest in western Europe (excluding Russia). They are 1200km across and pass through 8 alpine countries (Switzerland, France, Germany, Austria, Slovenia, Monaco, Italy and Liechtenstein).</p>
<p><b>Aurora Borealis</b></p>	<p>Known as the 'Northern Lights', this seemingly magical light show is created by charged particles from the sun which are attracted to the poles due to the magnetic fields there.</p>
<p><b>Black Forest</b></p>	<p>This mountainous region in southwest Germany, bordering France, is known for its dense, evergreen forests and pretty villages, often associated with the Brothers Grimm fairy tales, spas and cuckoo clock production.</p>

### Human Features

<p><b>European Union</b></p>	<p>The E.U. is a political and economic group of 28 countries who allow free trade and commerce between member states. It was created in 1948 after World War II to help Europe become more stable.</p>
<p><b>Berlin Wall</b></p>	<p>After WWII, Germany was split into different zones. Living conditions were soon better in West Germany compared to East Germany. A 100 mile guarded wall was built overnight in 1961 to stop people fleeing into West Germany. It came down in 1989.</p>
<p><b>Eiffel Tower</b></p>	<p>The Eiffel Tower is an iron tower on the Champ de Mars in Paris, France. It is named after the engineer Gustave Eiffel, whose company designed and built the tower in 1887. It was the world's tallest tower standing 300m tall.</p>
<p><b>Colosseum</b></p>	<p>The Colosseum in Rome, built in 70 A.D., as one of many built throughout Italy during the time of the Romans. This huge amphitheatre could hold 50,000 spectators and was often the scene of chariot races, gladiator and animal battles along with executions.</p>

# KEY LEARNING



### Climate

There are 44 countries in Europe and 4 main climate types.

- Polar regions near the Arctic Circle such as Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Finland and Russia where tundra and icy glaciers are common
- Temperate climates, much like the U.K. where there is rainfall and deciduous forests (trees which lose their leaves in the winter)
- Mediterranean climates which are dry and hot and attract many tourists.
- Alpine climates which are mountainous and cold.

### Languages

Europe has 24 active languages being spoken with Russian and German being the most common first language but English being the most common second

## GEOGRAPHICAL SKILLS AND FIELDWORK

- Use aerial photographs to compare London to capital cities in Europe. What is the same? What is different?
- Identify and describe how the physical features affect the human activity within a location. Compare physical features
- Locate countries and cities using a map