

Zooming In: Exploring Europe



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In this unit, we will build on our knowledge of continents and oceans from Year 2 and will have the opportunity to explore Eastern Europe. Firstly, we will learn about the countries of Europe. We will then look in more detail at some of the contrasting areas of eastern Europe, finding out about the landscape, climate and locations in each area.

We will bring together our learning about one area of eastern Europe and create information booklets to share what they have found out. Finally, we will make links between a major event in history and its impact on eastern Europe.

These are the key skills and knowledge you will develop through this unit:

Knowledge	<u>Locational Knowledge</u> I can name and locate at least four countries in Europe linked to people we know and stories in the news. <u>Place Knowledge</u> I can describe differences between at least two different localities in Europe using maps and given facts. <u>Human and Physical Geography Knowledge</u> I can ask and answer geographical questions about the physical and human characteristics of a place in Europe
Skills	I can ask and answer geographical questions about the physical and human characteristics of a location. I can use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping (Google Earth) to locate countries and features already studied and being to use them to find features about new locations. I can use locational and directional language including 4 compass directions to describe the location of features on a map. I can recognise the 8 points of a compass.

	I can use fieldwork to observe and record the human and physical features in the local area such as taking photographs, making notes and doing sketches.
	I can create maps of locations identifying a range of features with a key.
	I can identify features on an OS maps.
	I can begin to use 4 figure grid references.

These are some of the key new geographical terms that you will learn in this unit:

Vocabulary

Grid reference	Locality	Rural
Scale	Distance	Urban
Country	Hemisphere	Border
Continent	Environment	Conflict
County	Europe	Eastern
Region	Land-locked	Western

Throughout the unit, you will learn the meaning of these words.

How can you use them throughout the unit? How can you use them in other work? What other new vocabulary have you discovered?

Reading Links

Read stories and accounts of what it's like in Europe and around the UK.

Writing Links

Write post cards from localities in Eastern Europe.

Maths Links

To describe positions on a 2D grid as coordinates in the first quadrant.

Other Curriculum Links

Explore Eastern European sculpture.

Art - 'Suprematist Composition.'

Computing

Digital media art 'Suprematist Composition.'