



Lowerhouse Junior School Geography Overview Sheet



Year 4 – What are the important features of Europe?



Rationale: Europe is a continent rich in history and culture. Important features include the majestic Alps, the historic River Seine, and iconic cities like Paris. Each of these elements contributes to Europe's diverse and vibrant identity, offering students unique insights into geography and cultural significance.

Substantive Knowledge:

Locational Knowledge

Locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on Europe.

Place Knowledge

A region in a European country.

Human and physical geography

Describe and understand key aspects of human geography, including: types of settlement and land use, economic activity including trade links.

Overview:

Lesson 1: Where is Europe? - Locate European countries, including France, and understand Europe's position in the world.
Lesson 2: What are France's Physical Features? - Identify and describe France's physical geography (e.g., rivers, mountains, and climate).
Lesson 3: How Do People in France Live and Work? - Explore settlement types, land use, and economic activities in France.
Lesson 4: Mapping France – Routes and Scales - Use maps of different scales and create simple route maps.
Lesson 5: Comparing France to the UK - Identify similarities and differences between France and the UK.
Lesson 6: (assessment lesson) Express opinions about France's geography and share reflections.

Key Vocabulary

Impact/Assessment

Most Children will know: • Where France is located on a world map and where regions are located in France • Human and physical features of this chosen region • The surrounding countries and regions of the France region • The Population, area covered and distance from the UK • The difference between the chosen region and the Lake District (from year 3) • What life is like if you lived there • The main rivers running throughout the region • How location and climate affect the economy of the region