



LKS2 Geography Knowledge and Skills Organiser

Power of the Empire

Key Knowledge and Skills

Where is Italy?



Italy is in the continent of Europe. It has a border with France, Switzerland, Austria, and Slovenia. Seas surrounding Italy include the Mediterranean Sea, Ionian Sea, Adriatic Sea and Tyrrhenian Sea. Italy has a large mainland and other small islands surrounding it.



the Euro (€) and the native language spoken is Italian.

Human

Geography of Italy

The capital city of Italy is Rome which has a population of around 4.6 million. The total population of Italy is around 60 million. The currency used is

Physical Geography of Italy

Italy is very mountainous with mountains covering $\frac{1}{3}$ of the country. Its most famous mountain ranges are the Alps, the Dolomites and the Apennines. Italy's tallest mountain is Mont Blanc which is 4810 metres tall. Italy has 3 active volcanoes which are called Vesuvius, Stromboli and Etna. Active means that they can erupt at any time. The River Po is the largest river in Italy and it is 652,000 metres long.

Most of Italy has a Mediterranean type of climate. It has cool, rainy winters and hot, dry summers. Summer temperatures there often reach 32 °C or higher.

Geographical Skills and Fieldwork

Use maps to:

- Locate and plot countries and capital cities in Europe.
- Locate Italy, discuss where it is and what it looks like on a map.
- Locate and plot mountains and mountain ranges.
- Locate and plot rivers.
- Locate and plot the capital city of Rome and other major cities.

Discuss the similarities and differences of Lincolnshire's and Italy's human and physical characteristics.

Develop locational and place knowledge of the UK and Italy.

Key Vocabulary

Word	Definition
country	A country is land that is controlled by a single government.
county	A county is an area of land that is bigger than a city and has cities, towns and land in it. North Lincolnshire is a county.
continent	One of Earth's seven main divisions of land.
city	The largest type of settlement, containing lots of buildings and lots of people.
capital city	A city where a country's government is based.
map	A map is a picture of a place that is usually drawn from an above viewpoint. There are lots of symbols on maps.
river	The path that water takes as it flows downhill towards the ocean.
mountain	A landform that rises high above its surroundings. The top of a mountain is called its peak.
volcano	A very deep hole in the Earth's top layer that can let out hot gases, ash and lava.
human features	Human features are things that have been built by people like houses, roads and bridges.
physical features	Physical features are natural and they would be here even if there were no people around like seas, mountains and rivers.

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