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GEOGRAPHY	EUROPEAN CITY COMPARISON STUDY	YEAR GROUP 3&4 /KEY STAGE

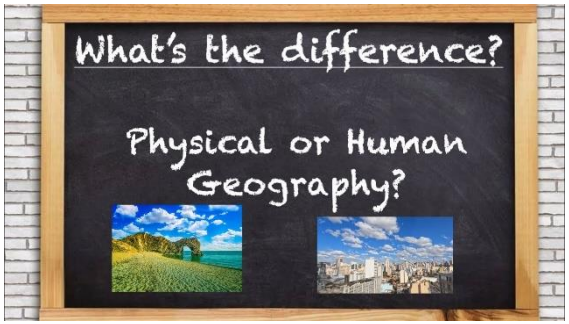
Cross curricular links

Maths – Collect data from the class and find out which major European cities the children have visited. Create a tally and then turn the data into a bar chart. Analyse the bar chart. Which city has been visited the most or least by the class?

Literacy – Write a postcard or a chronological report on a European city. Where in the world is it? What human or physical features does it have? What adjectives would you use to describe the city?

Expressive Art and Design – Sketch or paint some of the famous landmarks of a European city. For example, the London Eye, The Eiffel Tower and the Colosseum in Rome.

Pictures/photos relevant to topic



Key skills

To locate countries, using maps to focus on Europe [including Russia], identifying major cities.

To use maps, atlases and globes to locate countries and describe features studied.

To use the eight points of a compass to build their knowledge of the UK.

To identify human and physical geography of a region of a European country.

To describe and understand key aspects of human geography.

To understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of places.

Key Vocabulary/definitions

Europe - One of the seven continents of the world.

City - Cities are the largest kind of settlements and often have millions of people living in them.

Human features - Things that have been built by people, such as houses, roads, and bridges.

Physical features - Natural things that exist on Earth, such as mountains, rivers, seas, hills, and valleys.

Eight-point compass - A compass that has eight points, which are the four cardinal directions (north, east, south, and west) and the four ordinal directions (northeast, southeast, southwest, and northwest).

Trade links - An important way for countries to make money, by buying and selling goods and services.

Settlement - Places where groups of people live and work.

Land-use - The function or purpose of a particular area.

Useful information

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1) An interactive 'Race Across the Continents' game. Test your knowledge of primary geography topics:

- The natural world
- Human geography
- Geography skills

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zjnqfdm/articles/z362nk7

2) Test your knowledge using the European Capital city quiz:

https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/quizzes/top-class-european-capital-cities

3) Enjoy the sights of your city – London. Go for a walk along the river and the surroundings of your home and school. What human and physical features can you see?