

## Y3/4 – Why does Italy shake and roar?

### Procedural knowledge

#### Map work

Locate European countries, using maps, atlases and globes and describe features studied

### Factual and Conceptual knowledge

Name all European countries and locate France, Spain, Germany, Italy, Belgium and Poland.

Name and locate Rome, the capital of Italy.



#### What is Italy like?

Italy is a country in the continent of Europe. It has a long Mediterranean coastline. The country has a population of 60.36 million.

Italian is the main language, which is spoken and the euro is the main currency. The Colosseum is a historical landmark, the largest amphitheatre ever built.

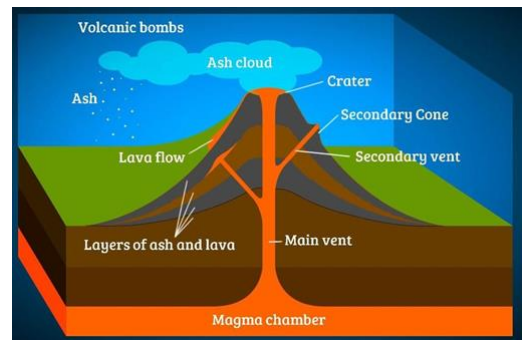
The Vatican City, which is the smallest city-state, according to area and population, is located within the city of Rome. The pope, who is the head of the Catholic Church, rules the Vatican City.

#### What is a volcano?

A volcano is formed when hot molten rock, ash and gases escape from an opening in the Earth's surface when pressure builds up. The molten rock and ash solidify as they cool, forming the distinctive volcano shape shown here.

Volcano eruptions have been known to knock down entire forests.

The word volcano comes from Vulcan, the Roman God of fire



#### Which volcanoes are found in Italy?

In the South of Italy, you will find Italy's three active volcanoes: Vesuvius, Etna and Stromboli.

#### Which was Italy's most famous volcanic eruption in history?

The city of Pompeii was a major resort city during the times of Ancient Rome. However, in 79 AD, disaster struck the city when it was buried under 20 feet of ash and debris from the eruption of the nearby volcano, Mount Vesuvius.

#### Key Vocabulary

European country, Rome, pope, Vatican City, Catholic religion, volcano, eruption, Lava, magma, tectonic plates, active

#### Links

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