

Geography - Italy - Year 3 Autumn Term (KS2)

Prior Learning:

- Name and locate seven continents and 5 oceans
- Use aerial photographs and plan perspectives and recognise basic human and physical features.
- Recognise differences between their own and others lives (Kenya, Africa Yea 2)

Key Vocabulary

Europe	The continent in which Italy is located
Rome	Capital city of Italy
Mediterranean sea	The sea to the south of Italy
Po River	The longest river in Italy
Mount Blanc	Highest peak in Italy
Colosseum	An ancient amphitheatre in Rome
Biomes	A collecting of plants and animals in a particular climate/ environment
Mediterranean climate	The climate of Italy
Trade	Buying or selling of goods or services

Trade in Italy

Cars and machinery dominate Italian trade. Italian wine grains, and olive oil are exported across the world. Italy also has a strong tourism trade, cities like Venice

Country of study- Italy



Diagrams/ extra facts/ explanations



The Leaning Tower of Pisa
The Leaning Tower of Pisa is a bell tower in Pisa, Italy. It is world famous for its prominent tilt to one side, which happened because it was built on soft ground.



Pompeii was an ancient city near Naples, which was destroyed by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79AD, some of the buildings can be seen today as they were preserved under the ash.



Comparison of location

	Human Feature	Physical Feature
Location (UK)	London is the capital city of England. 	The highest peak in UK is Ben Nevis, located in the Scottish highlands.
Location Italy	Rome is the capital city of Italy. 	The highest peak in Italy is Mount Blanc, it is 4 times taller than Ben Nevis.

Key Learning

- Italy is a country in southern Europe.
- It borders a number of countries, including France, Switzerland, Austria, Slovenia, the Vatican City and San Marino.
- It also has a large coastline on the Mediterranean Sea.
- It is easy to recognise Italy on any map, as it looks like a high-heeled boot kicking a ball. The 'ball' is the island of Sicily.
- The north of the country contains large lakes, for example Lakes Garda and Lake Como.
- The longest river in Italy is the Po River, which is about 405 miles long.
- Aside from the mainland, Italy contains two large islands: Sicily and Sardinia, and many smaller islands.
- There are three active volcanoes - Vesuvius near Naples, Etna on Sicily and Stromboli, on an island to the north of Sicily. Etna is the most active volcano in Europe.

Can I answer:

Can you name and locate some of the physical features of Italy- a river, mountain, surrounding sea, volcano?
Can you describe the weather patterns in Italy and how they compare to the UK?
How are the lives of children in Italy the same and different to your own?
How is trade in Italy different to the UK?