

Top Ten Vocabulary	
Country	A country is land that is controlled by a single government.
Paris	The capital city of France.
London	The capital city of England.
Alps	A mountain range in the East of France on the border with Italy.
Europe	6 th largest continent where both the UK and France are located.
Region	A named area within a country.
Physical geography	Physical geography is the study of the Earth's natural features, such as mountains, rivers, deserts and oceans.
Human geography	Human geography focuses on where people live, what they do, and how they use the land.
Coast	The coast is the place where land and sea meet.
Island	Islands are areas of land that are not connected to a continent and are surrounded by water.
Border	A border is a real or artificial line that separates geographic areas.

Synopsis

As Geographers, we will be comparing France and the United Kingdom. The children will be looking at both the physical and human geography of both countries and this theme will also link with our French unit “Where is France?” We will be exploring which other countries speak French; recapping basic greetings in French, talking about some of the landmarks and areas of France, and naming them in French. We will also compare these significant landmarks with those in the UK.

Key Knowledge

France and Europe are in the continent of **Europe** and they have had a close relationship throughout history. The **UK** is an **island** made up of four **countries**: England, Northern Ireland, Wales and Scotland. The UK is surrounded by 3 bodies of water the **Atlantic Ocean**, the **North Sea** and the **English Channel**. In comparison to The UK, France is attached to the main continent of Europe. It **borders** 8 different **countries** such as Spain, Belgium, Germany and Italy with the Mediterranean Sea to the south-east. The Northern **region** of France has a very temperate climate, very similar to the climate in the UK. However, in the southern region the climate is much warmer since it is closer to the equator. Due to the weather in the South, many people's livelihoods revolve around tourism similar to people who live in Cornwall.



