

Year 6 – Europe: Countries, cities & lifestyles
France & Worcestershire - Regional physical & human characteristics

Spring 2

Using atlases, maps and Google Earth, we will locate Europe and find out its characteristics, countries and capital cities before focussing on living in a region of France and comparing it to living in Worcestershire.

Learning Sequence:

Where's Europe?

Locate Europe, identify countries and capitals and lifestyles

Physical features of France – mountain ranges and rivers

Regional study of France – human and physical geography

Compare life in France with life in UK

Key vocabulary:	
Europe	A continent located entirely in the Northern Hemisphere and mostly in the Eastern Hemisphere. It comprises the westernmost part of Eurasia and is bordered by the Arctic Ocean to the north, the Atlantic Ocean to the west, the Mediterranean Sea to the south, and Asia to the east.
Physical characteristics	Naturally occurring features on planet Earth, including landforms, bodies of water, terrain and ecosystems, along with man-made or artificial and engineered features and human settlements.
Human characteristics	The human-designed cultural features of a place including land use, architectural styles, forms of livelihood, religious practices, political systems, common foods, local folklore, transportation and methods of communication.
France	A country in western Europe, between the English Channel, the Mediterranean, and the Atlantic. It is divided into 18 regions – 13 on the mainland and 5 overseas. France is relatively flat in the north and west but has the mountainous Pyrenees in the south and Alps in the west. France generally has warm summers and cool winters. The capital is Paris. The longest river is the Loire.
Worcestershire	A ceremonial and historic county, situated in the West Midlands region of England. The cathedral city of Worcester is the largest settlement.

Key skills:

- Investigate places with more emphasis on links to other places in the world
- Confidently use maps with a range of scales
- Give extended descriptions of the physical and human features of different places around the world
- Map land use with their own criteria
- Describe how the activities in some places of the world are similar or different to other places
- Explain about specific areas in the world, describing physical and human features and making links to other areas of the world

Personal Enquiry: A human aspect of living in France to the same aspect of living in Worcestershire.

Final outcome: Regional Brochures of a region in France and Worcestershire.

