

Castle Hill Primary School
Knowledge Organisers
Europe Explorers

Europe	The second smallest continent of the world.	Know that Italy is located within the continent of Europe. Know that Italy is located in Southern Europe in an area called the Mediterranean. Understand that the area is called this, as it surrounds the Mediterranean Sea. Know that Italy has two large islands: Sardinia and Sicily. Understand that within Italy, there are two small countries which govern themselves: San Marino and The Vatican City. Know that Italy is warmer than the UK as it is further South, closer to the Equator. Know that Italy has a Mediterranean climate which has mild winters and hot, dry summers. Know that Italy has a large coastline. Know that Italy is famous for its art, architecture, and culture. Know that Italy is famous for its traditional Italian food: pasta, pizza, risotto and olive oil. Know that tourism is very important in Italy. Know that tourists are people who visit a place for pleasure. Know that there are around 62 million tourists who visit Italy each year - this is larger than the population of Italy.
continent	A continent is a very large area of land, such as Africa or Asia that consists of several countries.	
country	A country is one of the political units which the world is divided into, covering a particular area of land.	
population	The population of a country or area is all the people who live in it (Italy has approximately 60 million)	
city	Is a large town, usually containing a cathedral.	
Capital city	The city or town that functions as the seat of government and centre of a country or region.	

Italy Key Knowledge

Key Concepts

Italian Flag the 'Il Tricolore' 		Three key cities in Italy: 1. Milan 2. Venice 3. Rome	Italy has 2 mountain ranges: 1. The Alps which cut across the top of the country. 2. The Apennines mountains stretch south down the entire length of the country. 	<u>Climate</u> Understand that climate is weather in a location over a long period of time. <u>Mountain</u> Know that a mountain is a large landform that rises above the surrounding land. <u>Lakes</u> Know that a lake is a large
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Lake Garda 	There are 3 active volcanoes in Italy: 1. Mount Etna 2. Mount Vesuvius 3. Mount Stromboli	Mount Vesuvius 	The capital city of Italy is Rome. 	body of water. <u>Volcanoes</u> Understand that a volcano is an opening in the earth's crust from which hot molten rock, gas, steam and ash from inside the Earth, sometimes burst out of.
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Landmark	Location	Photograph	Information
The Colosseum	Rome		Also called Flavian Amphitheatre. It is a giant amphitheatre built in the Ancient Roman times. It was built almost 2000 years ago
The Vatican City	Near Rome		Vatican City is its own country near Rome. It is the smallest country in the world. It is the headquarters of the Roman Catholic church and is home to the Pope.
Grand Canal	Venice		The Grand Canal is the main waterway through Venice.
Pompeii	Campania		Pompeii is a preserved ancient Roman city. Nearly 2000 years ago Mt Vesuvius erupted, leaving neighbouring cities under ash. This preserved the cities exactly as they were.
Duomo di Milano	Milan		Cathedral of Milan
Leaning Tower of Pisa	Pisa		A tower which is famous for leaning to one side.
Cinque Terre	La Spezia		Traditional fishing villages, which are famous for their colourful buildings.