

Year 5- Spring 1- Across Our Continent

Physical Features

Rivers



Rhine – Germany (starts in Switzerland), Danube – Germany, Elbe – Czech Republic, Seine – France, Rhone – Switzerland, Volga – Russia, Douro – Portugal, Moselle – France, Loire – France, Oder – Poland, Thames – England

Mountain Ranges



Alps – stretches across 8 Alpine countries, Carpathian Mountains – Central and Eastern Europe, Pyrenees – between Spain and France, Apennine – Italy, Balkan – stretches through central Bulgaria, Scandinavian Mountains – Norway, Sweden, Finland, Dolomites, Italy, Matterhorn – Switzerland, Mount Olympus – Greece.

Seas



The continent is bound by the Atlantic, the Arctic Ocean, the Black Sea and the Mediterranean Sea. The Baltic is entirely within Europe. Each of these is sub divided into smaller seas.

Biomes



Europe has 4 biomes: Temperate forest, Boreal forest, Savannah/Tropical (Mediterranean) grassland and Tundra.

Climate

There are 44 countries in Europe and 4 main climate types.

- Polar regions near the Arctic Circle such as Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Finland and Russia where tundra and icy glaciers are common
- Temperate climates, much like the U.K. where there is rainfall and deciduous forests (trees which lose their leaves in the winter)
- Mediterranean climates which are dry and hot and attract many tourists.
- Alpine climates which are mountainous and cold.

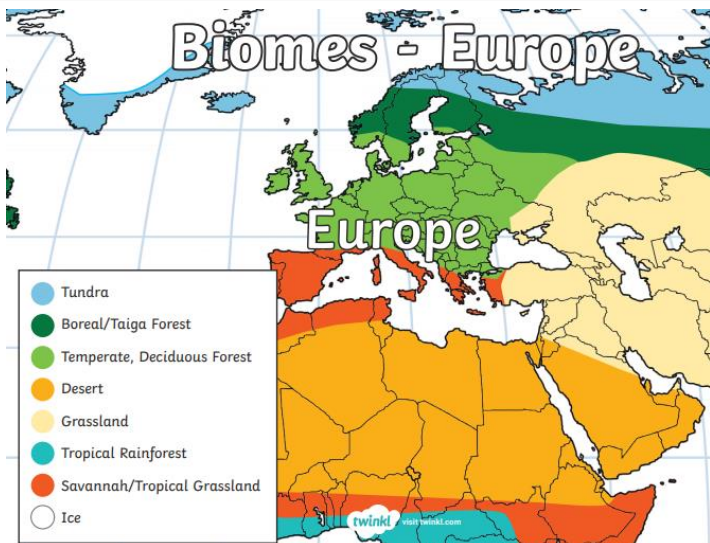
Fact Box

Europe has 24 active languages being spoken with Russian and German being the most common first language but English being the most common second

Key Vocabulary

migration	the movement of people from one permanent home to another
biome	a large region of Earth that has a certain climate and certain types of living things
impact	a strong effect
positive	a good effect
negative	a bad or harmful effect
political unrest	in a place where people express anger and dissatisfaction about something, often by demonstrating or rioting
challenges	difficult tasks or problems
diversity	including or involving people from a range of different social and ethnic backgrounds

Biomes - Europe



Climate Zones - Europe



Major Rivers in Europe

