



Italy Knowledge Organiser

Geography Focus

Year 4

Spring 1

What should I already know?

I know the compass directions (North, East, South, West) (Y2)
 I can compare environments and how this impacts way of life e.g. compares farming in this country to farming in other countries/climates. (Rec)
 The equator, an imaginary line drawn around the earth, divides the planet into the northern and southern hemisphere. (Y3)
 Between the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, the weather is hot all year round. (Y3)
 Time is different depending on where you are in the world. If it is daytime in the UK, it will be night-time in Australia. (Y3)

Key Information Learnt by the End of the Topic

- Italy is located in Southern Europe , bordered by the Mediterranean Sea.
- It is 30-40 degrees north of the equator so is in the Northern hemisphere.
- Italy is peninsula , which means it is surrounded by Water on three sides. It is part of mainland Europe.
- Italy has a Mediterranean forests, woodlands, and shrub biome.
- Italy's physical geography includes; volcanoes (Mt.Etna, Mt Vesuvius), rivers (Po, Tiber, Arno) and mountains (Alps, Appenines).
- Italy's human geography includes; famous landmarks (Colosseum, Trevi fountain and Spanish Steps in Rome) and Rome is the fifth largest city in Europe (population).
- Italy has a Mediterranean climate with mild, humid winters and warm, dry summers.
- Italy relies on trade and tourism to support its economy.
- Studying different maps of Italy can help us identify its climate, topography, major cities, regions and rivers.
- Italy is home to several islands, including Sardinia and Sicily.
- Italy is at risk of earthquakes and volcanic eruptions.



Key Vocabulary

Definition

biome	Areas of the planet with similar climate and landscape, where similar animals and plants live..
climate	The average weather conditions in a place over 30 years or more.
economy	The way people spend money and the way people make money.
region	An area of land that has common features.
terrain	The surface features of a land.
trade	The buying and selling of goods and services.
transport	The methods people use to move themselves or their goods from one place to another.

