

Italy - the country where the Romans came from.

Italy is characterised by a Mediterranean climate with hot, dry summers and cool, wet winters. July is the hottest month with temperatures up to 30C (86F), and January is the coldest month.



## Year 3 Autumn Term Geography: The Romans



Key concepts:

**Environment** - understanding the location of the countries within Europe.

**Scale** - understanding the size of Europe compared to other continents in the world.

**Interaction** - Looking at how the physical and human elements of a place impact on each other.

Key skills:

I can describe how rivers flow.

I can explain what causes a volcano to erupt.

I can describe the key human characteristics.

I can locate countries using a map and an atlas.

I can describe the key physical characteristics using the internet, stories, photos and non-fiction books as resources.



Key words:

city, capital, country, continent, Europe, world, map, atlas, scale, route, environment, physical and human characteristics, city, town, evidence, location, population, temperature, investigate, industry, transport, settlement, trade.

Place: Europe:

The European continent is located completely in the northern hemisphere and mainly in the eastern hemisphere. Europe borders onto the Arctic Ocean in the North, the Atlantic Ocean in the west and the Mediterranean Sea in the South.



There are 50 countries in Europe with a total of more than 748 million people living on the continent in 2021.

Key facts:

- **The Louvre is the most popular place to visit in Europe.**
- **There are 51 countries in Europe.**
- **Landwise, Europe is the 6th largest continent.**
- **Africa is bigger than Russia but looks smaller on many maps.**

Mount Vesuvius

- o Mount Vesuvius is an active volcano located in Campania, west of Italy.
- o It is one of the companion volcanic arcs i.e active volcanoes.
- o It has erupted more than 200 times. Some of the volcano eruptions were highly destructive.
- o It is famous for the 79 A.D eruptions, which destroyed the Roman cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum.
- o Mount Vesuvius is the most dangerous volcano in today's world because of the nearby population.
- o It is the only volcano that lies on the mainland of Europe and has erupted in the last hundred years.
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River Tiber

The Tiber river has a length of 405 km (252 miles).

It is the third longest river of Italy, after the Po and the Adige rivers.

It flows through the Lazio region (Viterbo, Rieti and Rome provinces) and is joined by the Aniene river, flows through the city of Rome and, finally, into the Tyrrhenian Sea between Ostia and Fiumicino.



