

Vive La France- Year 4

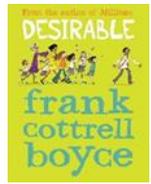
In this topic, children will first use maps and atlases to locate France and describe its Geography. Children will then focus specifically on Paris, using their map skills to explore the city and its physical and human features. Then, in contrast to this they will explore a rural French town, and make comparisons between that place and where they live before deciding which of the locations they would prefer to live and reasoning about why. They will explore French culture and lifestyle. Pupils will develop their sketching skills and then use these to create sketches of a Parisian landmark.

By the end of this unit, I will know:

- France is a large country in Europe.
- It is bordered by Italy, Germany, Belgium, Spain, Monaco, Andorra, Luxembourg and Switzerland.
- It also has large coastlines on the Mediterranean Sea and Atlantic Ocean.
- The capital city is Paris, which is known as the City of Lights and attracts many tourists every year.
- France is relatively flat in the north and west, but has the mountainous Pyrenees in the south and Alps in the west.
- France has generally warm summer and cool winters. The temperature is warmer in the south, with hot summers along the Mediterranean.
- France is close to the United Kingdom, via the English Channel. At the Strait of Dover, the countries are separated by only 18 miles of sea!

Core Text:

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Key Geography Skills:

- Recognise the similarities and differences between the UK and areas studied.
- Reason about key physical and human characteristics of regions studied.
- Use digital maps to locate and investigate places.
- Follow a route on a simple map using the eight compass directions..
- Draw a detailed map with symbols and a key.
- Write 4 figure grid references for features on a map.

Key Art Skills:

- Begin to show an awareness of objects having a third dimension.
- Use graded pencils to create different tones.
- Apply tone in a drawing in a simple way.
- Develop a range of techniques (e.g. hatching, scribbling, stippling and blending) to create light/dark tone and/or texture.

Key Vocabulary

tourist	A person who visits a place for pleasure.
landmark	An object or feature of a landscape or town that is easily seen and recognized from a distance.
English Channel	A body of water which separates France and the UK.
Channel Tunnel	A tunnel which goes under the English Channel and connects UK to France.
Pyrenees	A mountain range between France and Spain.
Alps	A very large mountain range stretching across 8 countries, including France.
population	The number of people living in an area.
grid reference	A map reference indicating a location by a series of vertical and horizontal grid lines identified by numbers or letters.
compass point	A point which shows direction.
route	A way or course taken in getting from a starting point to a destination.
Parisian	Someone who lives in Paris in Parisian.
arrondissements	Paris is split into 20 sections or arrondissements.
Metro	The underground rail network in Paris.
suburb	An outlying district of a city where many people live.
River Seine	A major river which flows through Paris.

