

# Countries and Capitals Knowledge Organiser



## Year 3

### Key Vocabulary

Continent

Country

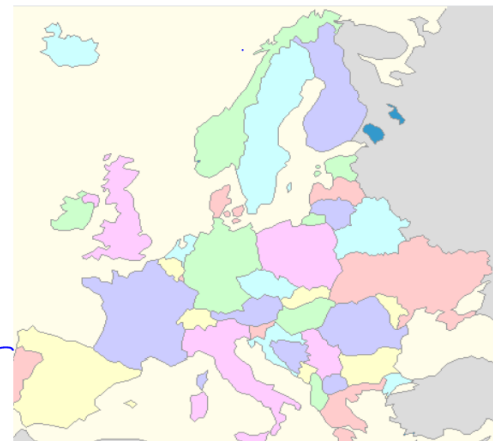
City

Settlement

Physical features

Human geography

The easiest features to see on a globe, apart from the oceans, are the large, solid areas of land known as continents. There are seven continents in the world. Each continent is divided into political areas called countries.



### Did you know...?

Scientists have now proved that over 200 million years ago, the continents were all joined together. They split and gradually drifted to where they are now.

Somerset is in the South West of England, which is part of the United Kingdom. There are four countries in the United Kingdom: England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. The United Kingdom is part of the continent of Europe.

### Fabulous Facts!

Australia is the only continent that is made up of just one country.

The Vatican City is the smallest state. It's in another city and only has 800 inhabitants!

Europe is the 2<sup>nd</sup> smallest of the 7 continents. The number of countries within Europe has changed several times as borders have shifted and countries have become independent. In 2021 there are 51 independent countries in Europe, some of which are very small.

By using atlases and maps we can find out about the physical features of different countries. These natural features include rivers, forests, mountains and deserts.

Human geography shows how our activity affects the earth's surface. Features include roads, towns, bridges, footpaths and traffic.