

**Our Topic:** We will begin by learning where Italy is in the world, and then discover the physical geography of the country, with a focus on one of Italy's active volcanoes, Mount Vesuvius! Children will explore the country's many famous cities and landmarks, and immerse themselves in the culture of Italy.

**Extension Opportunity:**

Make an Italian dish at home!



Find out about the famous landmarks in Italy. Learn to speak a few words in Italian.

Visit: [Italy facts: check out this beautiful country! - National Geographic Kids \(natgeokids.com\)](http://natgeokids.com)



**Key Questions:**

Where in the world is Italy?

What are the physical and human features?

How and why do volcanoes erupt?

What happened in Pompeii?

Which are the famous landmarks and cities?

What is the culture like in Italy?



**Human Features**

Colosseum



Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore



Trevi Fountain



Leaning Tower of Pisa



Roman Forum



Piazza Navona



**Our British Value: Rule of Law. Our Vertical driver: Celebration of Diversity**

## Italy Knowledge Organiser

### What should I already know?

- There are seven continents (including Europe) and five oceans.
- Italy is in the continent of Europe.
- Across the globe there are different types of weather and temperatures.

### Climate zones

**Tropical** - around the Equator these hot and humid climates are usually where rainforests are found.

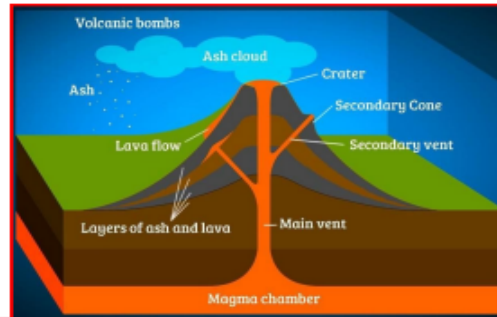
**Arid** - dry climate such as deserts.

**Mediterranean** - hot, dry summers. Cooler and wetter winters.

**Temperate** - the UK climate, where summers are mild and winters aren't too cold.

**Continental** - long cold winters and short, hot summers.

**Polar** - long periods of extreme cold.



### Key facts

- \* Mount Etna is Europe's most active volcano. Mount Vesuvius, in southern Italy, is the only active volcano on European mainland.
- \* Rome is the capital city of Italy and also the most populated.
- \* Milan, Naples and Turin are also large cities in Italy.
- \* In Italy each region has one city or town that acts as the capital of that region. This is known as 'capoluogo'.

### Volcanoes

A volcano is an opening in the Earth's **crust** where hot liquid rock from deep within the Earth, called **magma**, **erupts** to the surface. Once at the surface, this magma is then known as **lava**.

The ash cloud **emitted** from volcanoes can be harmful to breathe in or for planes to fly through. **Tephra** and gas are also emitted from the volcano.

### Vocabulary

**Climate** - the weather conditions prevailing in an area over a long period of time.

**Global warming** - a gradual increase in the overall temperature of the Earth's atmosphere generally attributed to the greenhouse effect caused by increased levels of carbon dioxide.

**Physical features** - natural objects that are not man-made such as rivers and volcanoes.

**Human features** - things that are built by humans such as roads and bridges.

**Region** - a part of a country sometimes having fixed boundaries.

**Volcano** - a mountain or hill, typically conical, having a vent which lava, rock fragments and gas are erupted from the Earth's crust.

**Magma** - hot liquid rock from deep within the Earth, once at the Earth's surface is known as lava.

**Tephra** - rock fragments ejected by a volcanic eruption.