

Italy Today : Geography : Year 3/4

| | Learning Objective | Overview | Assessment Questions | Resources |
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| Lesson 1 | To know where Italy is in the world | Children begin by finding Italy on a world map. They then look in more detail at the country, and find out about the location of its regions, the bordering countries, the seas and the islands that are part of Italy. Children record what they have learnt on their own maps of Italy, or use a map to complete a fact file about the country. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can children locate Italy on a world map? Can children locate and label the capital city, bordering countries, islands and seas on a map of Italy? Can children compare and contrast Italy with the UK? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slides Worksheet 1A/1B/1C Map Of Italy Sheet Italy Labels Italy Fact File Sheet (FSD? activity only) |
| Lesson 2 | To know about the physical geography of Italy | Children will find out what is meant by physical geography. They will begin to learn how to interpret a physical map by identifying Italy's two main mountain ranges. Children will find out about the highest peaks in each region, and be encouraged to describe the mountain ranges with geographical vocabulary. They will also learn about the location of the longest river in Italy, the Po. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do children know what physical geography is? Can children locate the two main mountain ranges and longest river of Italy on a map? Can children compare and contrast the physical attributes of the UK and Italy? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slides Alps Information Sheet Apennines Information Sheet Alps and Apennines Statement Cards Worksheet 2A/2B/2C Worksheet 2D (FSD? activity only) |
| Lesson 3 | To know how volcanoes erupt and to find out about the destruction of Pompeii | Children will find out what volcanoes are, and why and how they erupt. They will learn about the devastating eruption of Mount Vesuvius, which destroyed the Roman city of Pompeii in 79 CE. Children will use their knowledge and understanding to create advertisements for tourists visiting the ruins of Pompeii, or alternatively, they will build their own working volcano! | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do children know what a volcano is? Can children explain how and why volcanoes erupt? Can children explain what happened in Pompeii in 79 CE? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slides Worksheet 3A/3B/3C Volcano Information Sheet Eruption of Pompeii Sheet Picture Card Cut-Outs Sheet Model Volcano Instructions Sheet (FSD? activity only) Mount Vesuvius Photo Cards (FSD? activity only) |
| Lesson 4 | To know about the famous cities and landmarks of Italy | Children will begin to find out about the human geography of Italy. As a class, they will identify and discuss some of the most famous landmarks of the country, and find out where they are located. Children will continue to research some of Italy's cities in their independent work, presenting their work orally as a group, or as a postcard from the city of their choice. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do children understand the term 'human geography'? Can children use resources to research the human geography of Italy? Can children describe some aspects of the human geography of Italy? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slides Fact Sheets Picture Cards Postcard Template (FSD? activity) |
| Lesson 5 | To know about the culture of Italy | Children will recap on and develop their understanding of the human geography of Italy in this lesson, by looking at different aspects of the country's culture. They will conduct their research independently, and then use their knowledge to answer a range of tourists' questions, or as a group, create a magazine about the culture of Italy. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do children understand what is meant by the term 'culture'? Can children describe some aspects of Italian culture? Can children compare and contrast the culture of Italy and the culture of the UK? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slides Culture Question Cards Worksheet 5A/5B Culture Information Sheets Magazine Pages (FSD? activity only) |
| Lesson 6 | To use and share our knowledge and understanding of Italy | In this final lesson, children will recap on everything that they have discovered about Italy, and consolidate their learning. They will use their understanding to either create an informative lapbook about the country, or to play a game testing their knowledge of all the different aspects of Italy today. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can children recall facts about Italy? Can children use their knowledge and understanding to present information about Italy? Can children share and explain their opinion of Italy? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slides Challenge Cards A/B/C Lapbook Templates A3/A2 pieces of coloured paper/card Scissors, glue Pizza Race Game Board and Slices (FSD? activity only) Question Cards (FSD? activity only) Instruction Cards (FSD? activity only) |