

ß Knowledge Organiser: AUTUMN 1

Year 4 Geography: Mediterranean Europe

Vocabulary	Meaning
physical features	natural features of the Earth's surface e.g. mountains, rivers, oceans and climate
topography	features of an area such as mountains, hills, valleys, lakes, oceans, rivers, cities, dams and roads
Alps	the Alps is the greatest mountain range of Europe
Mediterranea n	the Mediterranean sea or the countries bordering it
climate	the weather conditions prevailing in an area in general or over a long period
human activity	the various activities done by people
weather	day-to-day condition of the atmosphere. Includes temperature, rainfall and wind
data	facts and statistics collected together to be analysed
diet	the kinds of food that a person, animal or community habitually eats
industries	the particular form or branch of economic or commercial activity
tourism	commercial organization and operation of holidays and visits to places of interest
advantage	condition or circumstance that puts one in a favourable or superior position
disadvantage	unfavourable condition or circumstance that reduces the chance of success or effectiveness

Key knowledge - the influence of climate on human activity



Due to the climate in Mediterranean Europe, foods like oranges, olives and tomatoes grow well. As the countries border the Mediterranean Sea, fish makes up a large part of people's diet. These industries have been able to thrive thanks to the Mediterranean climate. There is a lot of biodiversity within the sea, however, there has been a concern more recently about overfishing.

Recreational tourism (holidays and relaxation) is also a major source of economic income.

Key knowledge – The Alps



The Alps are Europe's highest and most extensive mountain range system running across south-central Europe. They stretch approximately 750 miles across 8 Alpine countries (France, Italy, Switzerland etc.) and are a popular with tourists. The climate varies during the seasons: warm in summer and snow covered in winter. Mont Blanc is the highest peak at 4,808m and there are glaciers scattered throughout. They are also important for agriculture.