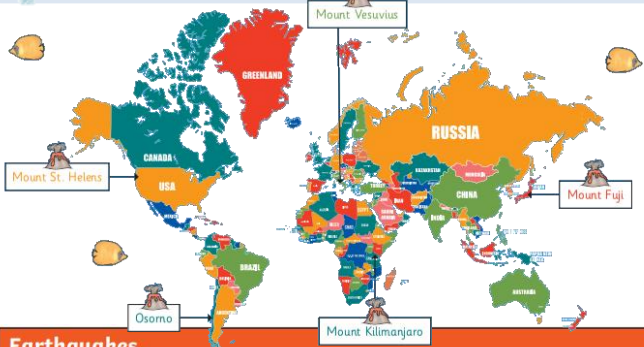
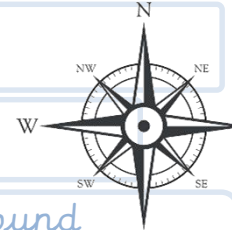


Our European Neighbours

Is Europe the same all over?



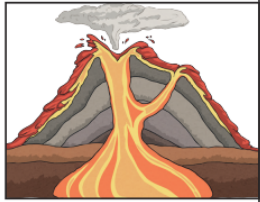
Earthquakes

- Earthquakes are caused when the earth's **tectonic plates** suddenly move.
- Most earthquakes occur near the **tectonic plate** boundaries.
- Earthquakes can cause lots of damage to roads, buildings and property.



Volcanoes

- Volcanoes are made when pressure builds up inside the earth. This affects the earth's crust causing **magma** to sometimes **erupt** through it.
- Active volcanoes have **erupted** in the last 10 000 years.
- Dormant volcanoes haven't **erupted** in the last 10 000 years but may erupt again.
- Extinct volcanoes aren't expected to **erupt** again.

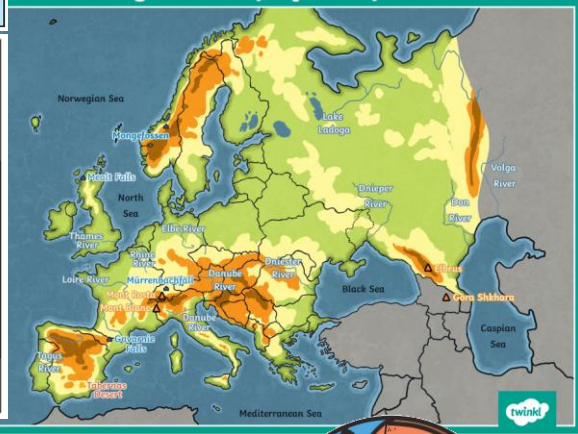


Vocabulary

erupt	To suddenly burst out causing lava to explode out of the earth's surface.
magma	Extremely hot, liquid rock.
tectonic plates	The earth's crust is made up of large areas called tectonic plates that join together.

Background
Europe has many human and physical **landmarks** that are unique to the continent.
Europe is also home to **volcanoes** such as **Mount Vesuvius**, **Mount Etna** and **Eyjafjallajökull**.
The Eurasian Plate borders the African Plate to the South of Europe. This makes some countries such as Italy and Spain more susceptible to earthquakes.

Physical Map of Europe



Famous Features

The Alps - This mountain range spreads across many countries in Europe. 12 of its mountains are over 4000 metres high. The highest is Mont Blanc, which is located along the border between France and Italy.



The Eiffel Tower - This is one of the most famous structures in Europe. It is located in Paris, France. It was completed in 1889 and was the tallest structure in the world at that time.



The Volga - At over 3500 kilometres, this is the longest river in Europe. It flows through western Russia and into the Caspian Sea.

The Colosseum - This amphitheatre is one of the best-known buildings from ancient Rome. It is almost 2000 years old and is visited by over 6 million people every year!



landmark

An object that is well known and easily remembered

