



Year 4 - Summer - Geography Knowledge Organiser



What I already know...

Children are already able to use atlases and globes with support. They are able to locate the Europe on a map and identify the UK and France along with some other European countries.

They can identify some human landmarks in the UK and France.

What I will learn...

- the location of Scandinavia and know that Scandinavia consists of Denmark, Sweden and Norway.
- that Finland and Iceland are not included in Scandinavia, however, they do share history and culture.
- about some of the physical characteristics of Scandinavia such as fjords, mountains, lakes, forests and landscapes and how these compare to areas of the UK
- about the human geography including, settlements and trade links.
- that these countries are often classed as the happiest places in the world and why that might be.

Key Vocabulary

Scandinavia	A group of similar countries (Sweden, Denmark, Norway) located in Northern Europe.
Peninsula	A large piece of land poking out into the ocean. (almost like an island but joined the the mainland at one end)
Arctic Circle	Circular area in the North of the world which defines the Arctic.
Human Features	Features of a place which come from the ideas and actions of people.
Physical Features	features of a place which are natural things such as rivers and mountains
Import	Items that are brought into the country.
Export	Items that are sent out of the country to other places
Hygge (pronounced hue-gah)	Danish word which means finding comfort or pleasure in simple soothing things such as a cozy atmosphere.

Making a difference at The Merton

We aim to both fill children with wonder of different countries and places and inspire them to want to travel and find out more about different places along with realising that although there are differences between England and other countries, that there are also a lot of similarities and that as people.

We will also be investigating why Scandinavian countries are always found to be some of the happiest places on Earth and looking at how we can implement some of their tips for a happy life.

Making a difference at home

You might want to investigate the Danish concept of 'hygge'. Cozy socks, curling up in the garden with a book or family time playing board games and chatting all would be hyggeligt.

Or what about trying Swedish Fika? Many Swedish people set aside time each day for Fika - a nice drink, a snack and a chat with friends or family.

