

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School



Subject: Geography

Topic: Exploring Eastern Europe

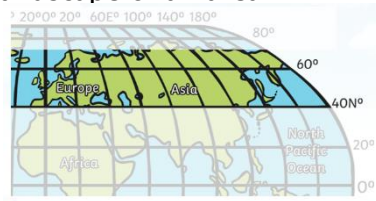
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What should I already know?

- Europe is one of seven continents
- Eastern Europe is the eastern region of Europe
- I can locate different countries and continents in the Northern and Southern hemisphere
- I can raise questions about the different hemispheres and make predictions about how they are different
- I know there are geographical similarities and differences in human and physical geography in contrasting regions of the United Kingdom

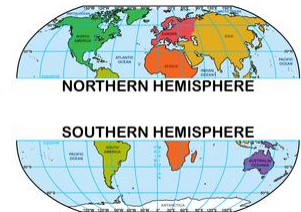
What am I going to learn?

- Latitude can influence the landscape of an area
- Lines of latitude: Eastern Europe crosses from 70°N to 40°N
- Famous cities in Eastern Europe include:
Budapest (Hungary), Dubrovnik (Croatia), St Petersburg (Russia), Tallinn (Estonia), Prague (Czech Republic), Krakow (Poland), Brasov (Romania), Belgrade (Serbia)
- Once part of the former Soviet Union, the countries of eastern Europe are now independent republics
- The region stretches from the Arctic in the north to the Crimea in the south, and from the Baltic Sea in the west to the Ural Mountains in the east
- Much of the landscape is forested. There are also hills and lakes in the Baltic area, marshes in Belarus, and rolling plains in the Ukraine and Russian Federation
- Latvia, Lithuania, and Estonia are known as the Baltic states because they border the Baltic Sea.
- Coastal ports provide access to shipping trade routes between northern and eastern Europe, but the sea ices up during the cold winter months.
- In summer, the long coastline attracts many tourists from Finland and Scandinavia. They come to enjoy the area's unspoiled beaches, sand dunes, and islands



Vocabulary

- **Equator**- a line notionally drawn on the earth equidistant from the poles, dividing the earth into northern and southern hemispheres
- **Meteorological**- forecasting the weather
- **Climate**- the usual or average conditions over a long period of time
- **Weather**- the specific meteorological conditions on a given day
- **Lines of latitude**- a notional circle of constant latitude on the earth's surface, parallel to the equator
- **Hemisphere**- a half of the Earth



- **Latitude**- the angular distance of a place north or south of the earth's equator, or of the equator of a celestial object, usually expressed in degrees and

Fun Fact!

In 1986 in a place called Chernobyl in Ukraine, there was a nuclear explosion which leaked radiation. This made it extremely dangerous for the people living there so they had to evacuate all of the people. It is still a ghost town now and people can visit to see the abandoned town.



Useful Websites

<https://www.educationquizzes.com/ks2/geography/europe/>

<https://www.ducksters.com/geography/europe.php>

www.BCBitesize.co.uk