Our European Neighbours

Geography | Year 3/4 | Lesson 1 of 6

Learning Objective	Resources
To be able to locate Europe on a world map and find out about its features.	Slides Worksheet 1A/1B/1C Books, atlases, access to internet, etc. Fact File sheet (FSD? activity only) Fact Cards (FSD? activity only)

Teaching Input

- Show children the map of the world on the slides and explain that it shows how the globe is split into seven continents. Do you know which of these continents is Europe? Can you name any other continents? Children to discuss their ideas then check on the slides.
- Explain that the UK is a country in the continent of Europe. Can you name any other European countries? Children to share ideas.
- Go through the information on the slides about Europe and its features, e.g. the largest country, population, seas and oceans, etc.

Main Activity

Lower ability:	Middle ability:	Higher ability:
On worksheet 1A, children to colour in Europe on the world map and then answer the questions.	On worksheet 1B, children to label each of the continents of the world, then colour in Europe. Children to then complete the sentences about Europe, using the words in the word box to help.	On worksheet 1C, children to label the seven continents of the world, then use a variety of sources of information (e.g. books, the internet, atlases, etc.) to answer the questions about Europe.

Fancy something different...?

- Provide children with the Fact File sheet with a variety of questions about Europe. Before the lesson, cut up the Fact Cards and stick them up around the classroom. Give children a set amount of time to go around the classroom looking for the facts they need to answer the questions on their Fact Files.
- After their time is up, ask children to confer with their friends. Did you all get the same answers? Did you miss any questions? Encourage children to share what they have found out to complete their Fact Files.
- Alternatively, give children some time to read the facts and then challenge them to create a poster about Europe with the facts they have found out.

Plenary	Assessment Questions
Have you ever been to any other countries in Europe? What were they like? How were they similar or different to the UK? Children to think, pair, share their ideas.	• Can children locate Europe on a world map? • Do children know that the UK is a country in Europe? • Can children describe some of the geographical features of Europe?

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