Our European Neighbours

Geography | Year 3/4 | Lesson 3 of 6

Learning Objective	Resources
To be able to identify European countries according to their features.	Slides Worksheet 3A/3B/3C Information Sheet Books, access to internet, etc. European Flags sheet (FSD? activity only) Flag Cards (FSD? activity only)

Teaching Input

- Show children the blank map of Europe on the slides. Which country is France? Children to share ideas then check on the slides. Repeat this with other countries, giving clues for the more difficult ones.
- Explain that even though all these countries are in the same continent, they all have different features, identities and histories. One way a country can show its identity is through its flag. Do you know what the flag of the UK looks like? Show children the picture on the slides.
- Which of these flags do you think goes with each of these countries? Children to discuss in pairs then check on the slides. Repeat with another set of flags.
- Can you think of any other ways European countries are different from each other? Children to think, pair, share their ideas.
- Go through the information on the slides about languages and currency.

Main Activity

Lower ability:	Middle ability:	Higher ability:
Provide children with the Information Sheet giving details of the flags, languages and currency of various European countries. On worksheet 3A, children to identify where each of the children on the worksheet are from, using the descriptions in the speech bubbles.	Provide children with the Information Sheet giving details of the flags, languages and currency of various European countries. On worksheet 3B, children to identify where each of the children on the worksheet are from, using the descriptions in the speech bubbles.	Worksheet 3C has the same information as the Information Sheet but some of the information is missing. Challenge children to complete the table by filling in the gaps. Children will need books and/or access to the internet to help them find the answers.

Fancy something different...?

- Provide children with the European Flags sheet and give them five minutes to try and memorise as many as they can.
- Next, provide children with a set of the Flag Cards in pairs or small groups. Children to lay all the cards face up, then see how many of them they can match correctly. When finished, children to then check on the slides. For added incentive, you could award a point for each correctly matched pair!
- As an added challenge, children could place the cards face down and play a memory matching game by turning two cards over at a time. If the flag and country match, the child keeps the pair. If not, they put them back. The child with most pairs wins.

Plenary	Assessment Questions
Show children the pictures of European flags on the slides. Invite children to come and choose the country the flag belongs to on the slides.	• Can children match European flags to their countries? • Do children know that there are a variety of currencies in Europe, including the euro? • Can children describe ways in which European countries are different from each other?

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