Knowledge Organiser—Year 3

What is France famous for?

Vocabulary

Europe—is a continent located entirely in the Northern Hemisphere .

France—is a country in Europe.

Paris—is the capital city of France.

Loire, Rhone, Seine, Garonne and Dordogne are rivers in France.

The Alps, The Jura, The Vosges and The Massif Central are mountain ranges in France.

The French Riviera is the **Mediterranean coastline** of the southeast corner of France.

Revolution—when the population revolts against the government.

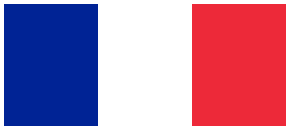
Napoléon Bonaparte —was a French statesman and military leader who rose to prominence during the French Revolution.

Cuisine— is a style of cooking with distinctive ingredients, techniques and dishes associated with a specific culture or geographic region.

The **Eiffel Tower** is an iron lattice tower in Paris, France. It is named after the engineer Gustave Eiffel.

Baguette, croissant, ficelle and brioche are all types of French bread.

Beret is a soft, round, flat-crowned hat, usually of woven, hand-knitted wool or wool felt.



French flag

Famous landmarks

Map of France

Key facts

France is a country in Europe and its capital city is Paris. The river Seine flows through Paris which has many famous landmarks including the Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe and Notre Dame Cathedral.

The French flag is called the Tricolour. The blue in the flag represents freedom, the white represents equality and the red represents brotherhood.

The French Alps is a popular tourist destination for skiing. Its highest peak is Mont Blanc (4810 m. high)

The bodies of water around France include the Mediterranean Sea, the North Sea, the Atlantic Ocean, the Rhine River and the English Channel.

During the French Revolution (1789-1799) the monarchy were abolished and France became a republic.

Napoleon Bonaparte became Emperor of France from 1804-1814 leading his country to war against other European countries, including Britain.

France is famous for fashion and perfume. French fashion brands include Chanel, Givenchy and Dior.

France is also famous for delicious food, including haute cuisine and patisserie.

The French Impressionists and many famous artists were born in France, including Monet, Renoir and Matisse. The Louvre Art Gallery is in Paris.

Famous French writers include Victor Hugo who wrote “Les Miserables” and “The Hunchback of Notre Dame”.

The ‘Tour de France’ cycle race takes place every July. The cyclists cycle 3,479.3 kilometres in 23 days and the winner gets to wear a yellow jersey.

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