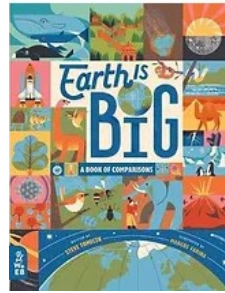
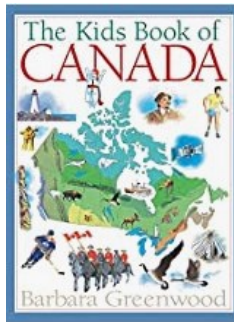
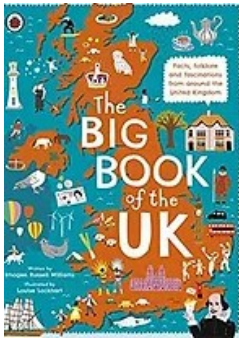


Theme Overview

“Three Giant Steps ” is a thematic unit based around three contrasting locations, with a key focus on geography. We will continue to develop our sense of place in the world by studying three focus places:- Dover, France and Canada (The French Connection!). We will identify the position of all three places in the world, along with climate, capital city, time zone, population and area. We will also learn about the human and physical geography of each place.

Recommended Reading...



Some of these titles and more are available on the Berewood Primary School Library Service Website. Please speak to your class teacher for help logging in. [https://](https://www.berewoodprimaryschool.co.uk/library-service/)



What we should know...

Dover

Dover is a town and major ferry port in Kent, South East England in Europe. England’s capital city is **London**. Dover faces France across the Strait of Dover, the narrowest part of the English Channel. It is famous for its physical features - the sea and white cliffs - as well as the man-made port.



Canada

Canada is the world’s second largest country situated in North America, located to the north of the United States. It is made up of ten provinces and three territories. English and French are both spoken across Canada. The capital city is **Ottawa**, although many people assume Toronto holds this title.



France

France is a European country, whose capital city is Paris. Famous landmarks in **Paris** include the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral and the Louvre Museum. These are human features.

Calais is situated in the north of France and is just 26 miles from Dover, across the English Channel. It can be reached by ferry or by the Channel Tunnel. Other famous places in France include:-

Evian Well-known for its natural spring water which flows from the Alps

Lourdes Famous for its Roman Catholic shrine where Our Lady of Lourdes is believed to have repeatedly appeared to St. Bernadette. It attracts millions of people who make the pilgrimage each year

Cannes Host city of the annual, world famous Cannes Film Festival.

Concept Flow

To understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region or area of the United Kingdom, a region or area in a European country, and a region or area within North or South America

To locate the world’s countries, using maps to focus on Europe (including the location of Russia) and North and South America, concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries, and major cities

To identify the position and significance of latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic Circle, the prime / Greenwich Meridian and time zones (including day and night)

To identify similarities and differences between Dover, France and Canada



Comparisons

Population

England - 56 million
France - 65 million
Canada - 35 million

Area km²

England - 130,000
France - 551,000
Canada - 10 million

Currency

England - Pound
France - Euro
Canada - Canadian Dollar

Physical Features - Mountains

Highest mountains

England

Scafell Pike - 978 metres

France

Mont Blanc - 4808 metres

Canada

Mount Logan - 5959 metres

Physical Features - Rivers

Longest Rivers

England

River Severn - 354 kilometres

France

Rhine - 1232 kilometres

Canada

Mackenzie River - 1738 kilometres

Key Vocabulary you should discuss with your child

Cliff: a steep rock face, especially at the edge of the sea

Climate: the prevailing weather conditions in an area

Erosion: the gradual destruction of something by wind, water or other natural agents

Equator: an imaginary circle round the Earth, situated an equal distance from the two poles, at 0 degrees latitude

Greenwich Meridian: an imaginary line that passes through Greenwich, England, at 0 degrees longitude

Latitude: the distance north or south of the equator measured in degrees

Longitude: distance measured in degrees east or west from the Greenwich Meridian

Topography: detailed mapping of the surface features of land, including mountains, rivers etc.

Tourism: people travelling to and staying in places outside their usual environment

Tropic of Cancer: circle of latitude that runs approximately 23.5° north of the Equator

Tropic of Capricorn: circle of latitude that runs approximately 23.5° south of the Equator

Please talk to your children about the information on this sheet. The more children discuss their learning the more likely they are to embed the learning to their memory. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.