Waterbeach Community Primary School
Curriculum Capture for Year 5 Geography: European Geography (WW2)

Key Knowledge

Key facts about Europe	Comparing maps of Europe in WW2 and now
Europe is a geographical **continent.** It is located in the northern hemisphere with the Arctic Ocean to the north, the Atlantic Ocean to the west and the Mediterranean Sea to the south. There are 51 countries in Europe with a **population** of around 742 million people – which is 10% of the global population. Although World War Two involved countries from the whole world, Europe was the primary **Theatre of War**.	While physical geographical features change only rarely or very slowly, physical geographical features are not fixed and undergo many changes over time. Comparing maps from different periods in history can help us understand changes. The map of Europe has changed significantly since 1945: immediately following WW2 Germany's borders were changed, the country was divided into two (since re-united) and the capital city has changed. The country called Czechoslovakia is now two countries: The Czech Republic and Slovakia. Russia (which is partly in Europe and partly in Asia) was called the Soviet Union (USSR) and organised differently.

Key European Countries of WW2 and their capitals then (now)

Austria	Vienna
Belgium	Brussels
Czechoslovakia*	Prague
Denmark	Copenhagen
Finland	Helsinki
France	Paris
Germany*	Berlin (Bonn)
Great Britain	London
Italy	Rome
Luxemburg	Luxemburg City
The Netherlands	Amsterdam
Norway	Bern
USSR*	Moscow

European Countries neutral in WW2
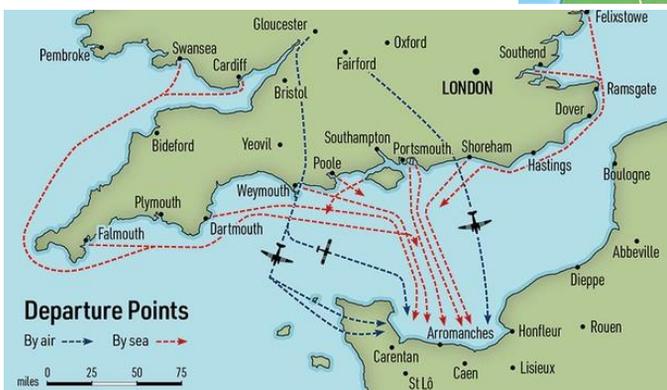
Ireland	Dublin
Portugal	Lisbon
Spain	Madrid
Sweden	Stockholm
Switzerland	Geneva

*Countries that have changed since the end of WW2

Vocabulary

Annex	To take another country's land and make it your own.
Continent	A large area of land divided into countries
Human Geography	The things in an area that have been shaped by people
Occupy	The takeover and control of one country by another.
Population	The number of people that live in a country or area
Theatre of War	An area in which important military events occur or are progressing. It can include air space and sea area as well as land

World War II in Europe *1939–1941*

Key towns involved in the D-Day Landings

Map of Europe Now