

Y4 Italy



End Points:

Know that Italy is a country in Southern Europe,

Understand why people settle in certain places

Know the features of a village and a city

Use a 4-figure grid reference confidently

Prior Learning

Pupils already know:

- Continents, oceans, and the countries of the UK.

- Basic map skills including compass points and simple grid references.

- Key physical features such as rivers and mountains, and human features like cities and villages.

Future Learning

This unit prepares pupils for:

- Studying global regions such as South America.

- Learning about mountain formation, volcanoes, and more complex physical geography.

- Using 6-figure grid references and interpreting OS maps.

Key Vocabulary

Word	Definition
Settlement	A place where people live and work
Location	Where something is found
Rural	Countryside areas with fewer people
Urban	Towns and cities with more people and buildings
Village/Town/City	Different sizes of settlements
Mountain Range	A group of mountains (e.g. The Alps/ Apennines)
trade	Buying and selling goods and services.
Fertile Land	Land good for growing crops
Grid reference	A way to locate places on a map using eastings and northings.

How you can help at home:

- Look at maps of Europe together and find Italy.
- Explore photos or videos of Milan, Venice, and Italian villages.
- Talk about why people choose to live in certain places (water, transport, jobs).
- Compare Sheffield to places in Italy — what is similar and what is different?