

# Geography • Our World : Mountains *The Alps*

**Key Learning Question:** Why are the Alps a popular holiday destination?



## Crucial Knowledge

We are getting better at investigating places:

- The Alps are a mountain range in Europe.
- The Alps cover areas in the following 8 countries: Switzerland, France, Austria, Italy Germany, Slovenia, Monaco and Liechtenstein.
- Mount Blanc span the French-Italian border and is the highest mountain in the Alps.
- There are other mountain ranges across other continents such as the Rockies, the Andies and the Himalayas.
- The Alps formed 34 –23 million years ago when the African and European tectonic plates hit.
- Farming and forestry are the large parts of the mountains economies along with tourism, along with tourism.
- The Alps are the third longest mountain range in Europe (1200km).
- The average temperatures on the valley floor range between  $-5^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $40^{\circ}\text{C}$  in winter to  $15^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $24^{\circ}\text{C}$  in summer.



## Key Vocabulary

We are getting better at communicating geographically

**Topographical:** describes the physical features of land.

**Altitude:** the height of something in relation to sea level. The top of a mountain is at an high altitude.

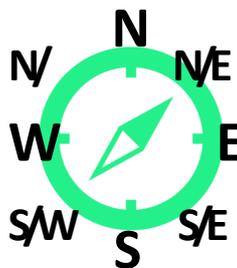
**Alpine:** something relating to high mountains.

**Tree line:** (on a mountain) the line or altitude above which no trees grow.

**Rural:** relating to a countryside rather than a town or city.

We are getting better at investigating patterns:

**Big Ideas:** Continents • Oceans • World's countries • Weather patterns • Physical geographical features • Similarities & differences



**Eight Point Compass:**

**N/E** = Northeast

**S/E** = Southeast

**S/W** = Southwest

**S/E** = Southeast

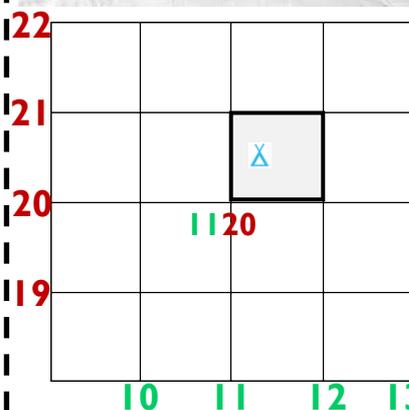


## Location Maps



**Europe**

**The Alps: France, Switzerland, Italy**



**4 Figure Grid Reference:**

The square's grid reference of **1120**.

The first two numbers are the horizontal value.

The second two numbers are the vertical value.

## We Are Building Our Knowledge From

- Our World – Rainforests : The Amazon (Y3)

## This will help when we learn about

- Our World – Volcanoes :The Galapagos (Y6)