

## **Unit Rationale**



## Northern Europe Year 2

In this unit, children will study Northern Europe, its human and physical features and also features that are unique to the region. They will build on their understanding of location, of the poles and the effect of location and proximity to the poles on climate. Children will explore how the Sami people have adapted to live in extremely cold regions. They will also study migration of animals, building an understanding that animals move to areas more suited to their needs as the seasons change (links to Year 2 Science: Living Things and Their Habitats).

Children will recognise the countries in Northern Europe on a map and will consider their location in relation to the UK.

To conclude this unit, children will learn about the explorer Roald Amundsen who was born in Norway. They will learn about Amundsen's travels through the Northwest Passage and also about his expedition to the South Pole. They will learn how he took advice from the Innuit, who lived in the cold, icy climate of the Arctic Circle.