

Exploring Europe

Activity 1: Watch the video [here](#) to head over to Brittany, a region in France, with Barnaby Bear. You will need to remember some of the things Barnaby does and places he goes so you might want to draw and label some pictures or make a list to help you with activity 2.

Activity 2: Write a postcard from Barnaby to a friend telling them about his trip and some of the places he has seen. A postcard is only a small piece of writing so you do not have to write about the whole trip! Pick a couple of your favourite parts from the video. There is an example of a postcard and a template on the Year 1 page for you to get some ideas of what to write. You can draw a picture of a place in Brittany to go on the other side of the postcard as well. Remember to use all the things we would expect to see in your writing such as; capital letters, full stops and finger spaces.

Finding it hard - Use short simple sentences such as 'I can see'.

Challenge - Use adjectives to describe and try to use different sentence starts so they don't all start with 'I'.

Activity 3: Use the suffix 'ed' on verbs (action words)

We use the suffix 'ed' when we are using a verb to talk about the past. Watch [this video](#) to remind you when to add the suffix 'ed'. The suffix can sound different depending on the word which is explained [here](#). If a verb ends in a e remember that you just have to add the d. For example, save becomes saved in the past tense.

Can you do some actions. For example; jump, walk and clap.

Now say these words in the past. For example: jumped. Notice here we have added the suffix 'ed' at the end of the verb jump even though it sounds like a 't'! Can you write your actions in a sentence? Complete some actions and write sentences about what you did. For example: I jumped over the puddle.

Finding it hard - write a list of action words. Write the action word using the past tense next to it.

- jump - jumped
- look -
- play -

Challenge - Write about your day using a range of verbs in the past tense.

Activity 4: Reading Comprehension

Read through the Go Jettlers Continent of Europe. There are 3 levels of the same task so please chose only one. We recommend to complete either page 1&2 (easiest) or page 4&5.

Finding it hard - encourage your child to read page 1, supporting where needed. Complete page 2 questions supporting your child. You could tell them which section to find the information in or read it back to them to help them answer

Challenge -Complete this task independently.

Further reading

There are lots of stories which are set in Europe that you can read or listen to.

- The Story of Ferdinand by Munro Leaf
- KeeKee's Big Adventures in Athens, Greece by Shannon Jones and Casey Uhelski
- This is London by Miroslav Sasek
- Olivia Goes to Venice by Ian Falconer
- Dancing on Grapes by Graziella Pacini Buonanno
- Linnea in Monet's Garden by Christina Bjork and Lena Anderson
- Madeline by Ludwig Bemelmans
- The Cat Who Walked Across France by Kate Banks and Georg Hallensleben

The Hampshire Library service enables you to read or listen to stories online:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/librariesandarchives/library/whatyoucanborrow/ebooksaudiobooks>

They also have a YouTube channel with stories being read:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLYMW4GybllTyG8UZBN0StL6OTA9JJamN3&safe=true>