

- ★ Hold an assembly on the meaning of Europe Day.
- ★ Set up a European café in school using Euros/European currencies and arrange a European lunch provided by the canteen or the children.



- ★ Children dress in the colours of the flag of different European countries.
- ★ Video conference with children in another European country.
- ★ Email children in a partner school asking them how they are celebrating Europe Day.
- ★ Start a European map marking the countries of origin or holiday destinations of children. Make a graph of results.
- ★ Play maths games using the Euro and other European currencies or distances from one capital to another.
- ★ Look at packaging - is it made in Europe and where?
- ★ Check the newspapers for European news.
- ★ Art from across Europe - Gaudi in Spain, Impressionism from France, Van Gogh from Netherlands.
- ★ Produce a collage with scenes from across Europe, using postcards, food labels, brochures, recipes, tickets, and maps.
- ★ Make models of European landmarks: Eiffel Tower, Coliseum, Channel Tunnel, and Leaning Tower of Pisa
- ★ Learn simple words in another language.
- ★ Look at different time zones and weather patterns.
- ★ Sing songs of European origin - Eurovision Song Contest.
- ★ Make a Europe notice board/display.



- ★ Invite foreign nationals to speak in class or assembly.
- ★ Decorate each classroom as a different country.
- ★ Design a poster for a European country.
- ★ Label parts of the school in different languages.
- ★ Act out scenes from classic theatre plays: Molière, or Beaumarchais for example
- ★ Learn the national anthems of other EU member states.
- ★ Learn about how the other member states celebrate traditional events: Christmas in Germany, the 14th of July in France, Easter in Spain, Guy Fawkes in England, Saint Stephen's Day in Hungary, Midsummer's day in Estonia, Boxing Day in Finland.



- ★ Look at European football teams - who is in the Champions League?
- ★ Listen to the music of great classical composers and find out where they lived and where they performed: Handel is German, but lived in Italy and in England. How about Mozart or Chopin?
- ★ Ask children from European backgrounds in the class to talk about their experiences - what do they find different about living in the UK, what do they like, what do they dislike?
- ★ Hold a "Question of Europe" quiz.
- ★ Ask children to pinpoint on a map of the European Union the countries where they have already been to and what they found was different from the UK, what they liked, what they disliked.
- ★ Create theme posters: for example, design a poster with animals, and write the name of the animals in different languages.
- ★ Create a European icon memo game. Cut out pictures of well known European landmarks or personalities, photocopy and use as pairs of cards in a memory game.



- ★ What do other Europeans eat for breakfast?



Learn about different ways of eating the most important meal of the day - breakfast.



- ★ Design a time line of European History to be displayed in the classroom. Children will look for information and pictures to illustrate the time line.

- ★ Find out about popular singers in other member states: who is popular today in France? What does he/she sing? Lip sync to their songs.

- ★ Guess who is the leader? Learn about the president/king/queen/prime minister of other member states, then ask questions and create riddles so other pupils can guess who they are.

- ★ Write a short story about Europe, what does it mean to you, which country would you like to know more about and why?

- ★ Sing popular songs in different languages and translations: like Silent Night/ Stille Nacht.

- ★ Chinese Whispers (in French le téléphone arabe) learn a simple sentence in a foreign language, sit in a circle and whisper it to your neighbour and pass it on.

- ★ Harry Potter is well-known throughout Europe. Learn the names of your favourite characters in other versions of Harry Potter, for example, Hogwarts is Poudlard in French.

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