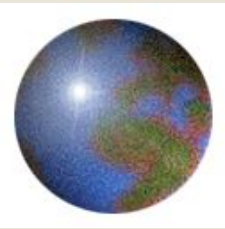
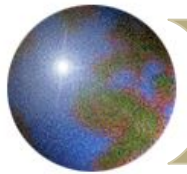


FAST FIVE

- Write down 5 key facts you learnt about China in the previous lesson.

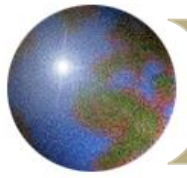


Can I present
information about
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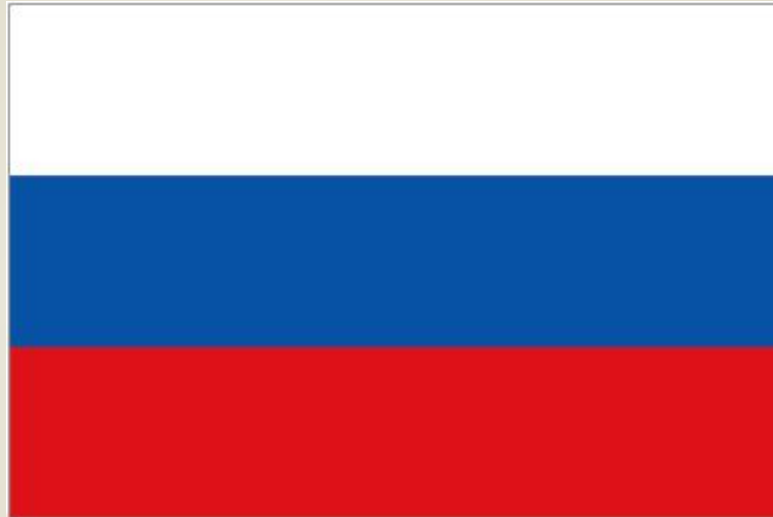


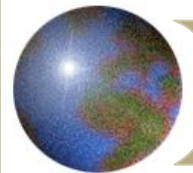
Research

- Today we will be learning about Russia, at the end of the lesson you will chose to research an area of Russian life that interests you.
- You will be able to present your findings in a variety of ways.



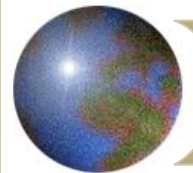
The Russian flag was first developed for the Navy in 1883 and then adopted as the national flag in 1917





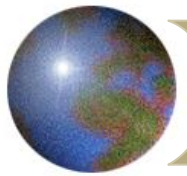
Where is Russia?

- Russia stretches from Eastern Europe to Asia. A flight to Moscow takes almost 4 hours from London/England and 9 hours from New York/USA.



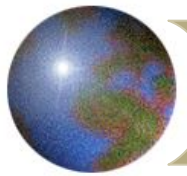
Here is Russia on a map, what do you notice about its size? What countries border it?





Geography

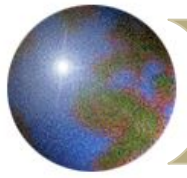
- Russia is a huge country that is double the size of Australia. The vast country is located in part on the European continent and on the Asian continent.
- Almost half of the country is covered in forests, only 14% are suitable for agricultural land due to the harsh climate.
- The climate ranges from steppe in the South to subarctic in Siberia and tundra in the polar North.



Map of Russia

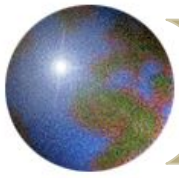


www.flags.net/RUSS.htm



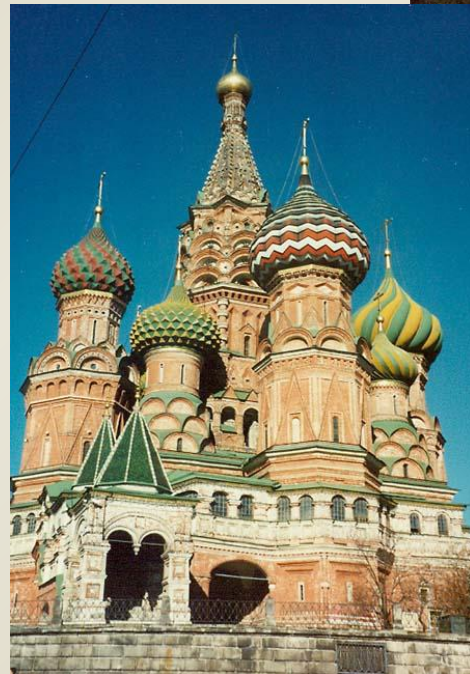
Facts About Russia

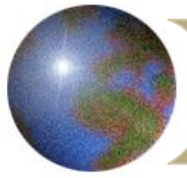
- **Capital:** Moscow.
- **Population :** 149,476,000.
- **President:** Vladimir Putin
- **Language:** Russian
- **Literacy:** More than 99% can read and write.
- **Religion:** Russian-Orthodox 20%, Muslim 15%, Christians 2%, many Russians are non-believers
- **Currency:** 1 Ruble=100 kopeka
- **National Holiday:** 12 June (Russia Day)
- **History:** The Russian Federation was created on 25 December 1991
- **National symbols:** national anthem, coat of arms and national flag (white - blue - red). National animals: bear and the double-headed eagle. National flower: camomile



Let's visit some important cities in Russia.

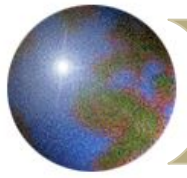
- Moscow





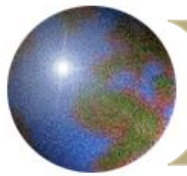
MOSCOW

- **Moscow** is the capital city of Russia. 11.5 million people live there, so it is Europe's biggest city. It is also the seventh biggest city in the world. Moscow is an important political, cultural, economic, religious, financial and transportation centre.
- The middle of the city is an ancient walled city called the Kremlin. There are important government buildings, museums and churches in the Kremlin. Many of the buildings in Moscow, like St Basil's Cathedral and Spasskaya Tower, are very beautiful and famous. There are also modern buildings. The many art galleries have big collections.



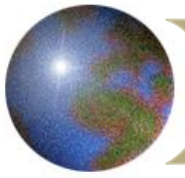
- St. Petersburg





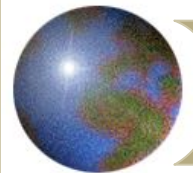
- Irkutsk, in Siberia





Siberia

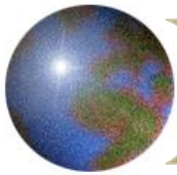
- **Siberia** is a large region spanning much of Eurasia and North Asia. It is part of Modern Russia.
- The territory of Siberia is harsh. It has a huge area of 13.1 million square kilometres (5,100,000 sq mi), Siberia accounts for 77% of Russia's land area. However, it is home to approximately 36 million people—27% of the country's population. This is equivalent of about out 3 people per square kilometre. This makes Siberia one of the most sparsely populated regions on Earth.
- Worldwide, Siberia is well known primarily for its long, harsh winters, with a January average of -25°C .
- The average temperature does not get above 10°C which is the same as a mild winter day in the UK.



Famous Sights in Russia

- The Hermitage Museum
- The Kremlin
- The Peter and Paul Fortress





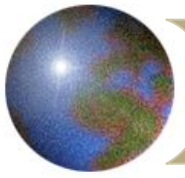
Famous Palaces

(click on the names to find out more)

- Pushkin- Catherine's Palace
- Go to this website to see more photos - www.pbase.com/hiker_photograph/catherines_palac

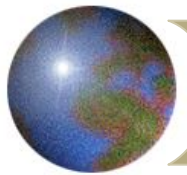
- Peterhof
- Go to this website to see interactive panoramas of the entire palace- www.peterhof.org/english/pano/





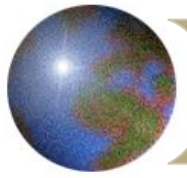
Russia is famous for...

- The Brown Bear
- Russian Teacakes
- Baba Yaga
- Russian Nesting Dolls
- Ballet
- Ukrainian pysanky



What Russian Children Do

- Russian children love ice skating, sledding and playing ice hockey in the winter and swimming and boating in the summer.
- Find out about schools in Russia at this website - www.kidsculturecenter.com/russia/russ_edu.htm
- Find out about daily life in Russia at this site- <http://library.thinkquest.org/CR0212302/russia.html>

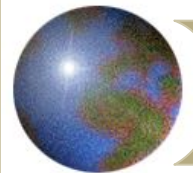


What Russians Like to Eat



Go to these websites for some Russian recipes:

- www.world-recipes.info/russia-russian/
- <http://allrecipes.com/Search/Recipes.aspx?WithTerm=Russia>



Some Famous Russians

- **Yuri Gagarin** - first man in space
- **Mikhail Gorbachev** - leader of the Soviet Union who made the country more free and democratic
- **Anna Pavlova** - world-famous ballerina
- **Peter Tchaikovsky** - a composer who wrote the music for The Nutcracker
- **Sergei Prokofiev** - wrote the words and music for Peter and the Wolf