

In your Geography lessons at Templars you have learned the names of the seven continents and some of the countries within them and can find them on a map. You have explored how other continents and countries are different to where we live; their weather and climate, physical and human features and their way of life. You have studied many countries that make up Europe and can find them on a map too. We know where Tile Hill is in Coventry which is the city that we live in. You will use this world knowledge to explore a different country, Syria. We will delve into the lives of Syrian refugees and develop understanding of the devastation many Syrian families have faced, but also on how cities (including our own) are stepping up to make refugees welcome. This topic will really emphasise just how important the feeling of belonging is.

## Where? (Significant places)

### Syria

A country in Asia. It's bordering countries include: Lebanon, Turkey, Iraq, Jordan and Israel

### Damascus

The capital city of Syria

### Aleppo

A city in Syria where Nujeen Mustafa is from

### Coventry

Our city. One of the first UK cities to welcome Syrian refugees



## Who? (Significant people)

### Bashar al-Assad

Was the president of Syria from 2000-2024, considered a dictator.

### Ahmed al-Sharaa

President of Syria for the 'transitional period'.

### Keir Starmer

The prime minister of the United Kingdom

### Nujeen Mustafa

A 23-year-old Syrian refugee and activist with cerebral palsy. Fled Syria for a safer life in in Germany

## What? (Key vocabulary)

**belonging:** A feeling of being happy or comfortable as part of a particular group

**European Union:** An economic and political union of twenty-seven democratic countries

**British Isles:** Group of islands in the North Atlantic off the north-western coast of Europe, includes Great Britain, Ireland, the Isle of Man, the Hebrides and over 6000 smaller isles

**Mediterranean Sea:** A sea connected to the Atlantic Ocean, almost completely enclosed by land

**Brexit:** The withdrawal of the UK from the European Union, a combination of 'British' and 'exit'

**refugee:** A person forced to leave their home or country to seek safety or protection

**natural disaster:** A disaster such as an earthquake, volcanic eruption or flood

**persecution:** Continually treating others in a cruel way because of their race, religion, politics

**asylum seeker:** Someone who has left their home country to find safety

**Syrian mountain ranges:** Anti-Lebanon, Al-Ansariyyah and Jebel Bishri are major mountain ranges in Syria

**Syrian rivers:** Euphrates and Khabur

**civil war:** A war within a country between different groups or areas

**dictator:** A ruler who has total authority

**president:** The head of the government in a republic (no monarchy)

**prime minister:** The chief minister and head of a government with a parliament

**democracy:** A government in which power rests with the people, either directly or through elected representatives

**Arabic:** The official and most widely spoken language in Syria. spoken in many other countries, associated with Islam, the language of the Holy Qur'an

**thematic map:** Information depicted through the geographic pattern of a particular theme, e.g. climate change across the world

**8 compass points:** Cardinal points: north, east, south, West. Ordinal points: north—east, south-east, south-west, north- west

**4-figure grid reference:** Contains 4 numbers, e.g. 3422. Used to locate a particular square on a map

**coordinates:** A pair of numbers and/or letters that show an exact position/location on a map, rather than a square

**scale bar:** A way to visually show distance and size on a map

