## Willow Class Term 6 - Knowledge Organiser: Who will be going for gold?

France is the largest country in Western Europe. Its lengthy borders touch Germany and Belgium in the north; the Atlantic Ocean in the west; the Pyrenees Mountains and Spain in the south.





There will be 206 countries represented at the Olympics, and 184 at the Paralympics

## Key facts

• The first recorded Olympic games were held in Olympia, in Ancient Greece in 776 BC.

10,500 athletes will compete in 329 events.

- · They were held every four years in honour of the Greek God Zeus. • In Ancient Greece, athletes ran barefoot and wore no clothes.
- There were only 10 sports in the Ancient Olympic games. In modern times, there are now more than 20 sports.
- In Ancient Greece, women were not allowed to watch or take part in the games.
- To symbolise the Ancient Olympics, the torch is now carried round the host country.
- The Olympic logo is made up of 5 rings in the colours represented on the flags of the world.
- London has hosted the Olympics three times

## Key vocabulary:

Olympia, Laurel wreath, Zeus, Hercules, Olympic torch, athlete, medal, ceremony, flag, team, Event, Paralympic, prosthesis, inclusion, adapted sports.