

Year group:
Year 1



Term: Spring 1
(half a term)
Great Britain

Geography

National Curriculum:

Use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the United Kingdom and its countries

Name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding oceans/seas.

Name and locate the continents. Use simple compass directions.

What I should already know

EYFS: Know what their route from home to school looks like on a map. Know their school location.

Key Knowledge and skills

Know the names and locations of the four countries of the United Kingdom (UK) and their capital cities.

Know the three seas surrounding the UK.

Know the similarities between the UK's constituent countries, including: flags, language, monarchy and government.

Know the differences between the UK's constituent countries, such as: size, population, patron saints and emblems.

Unit outcome

By the end of this unit the children will:

- Use maps and compass points to name, describe and locate the position of the capital cities within each country of the UK, as well as the countries themselves and the surrounding seas.
- Identify and describe the similarities between each of the UK's countries (e.g. flag, language, monarchy, population) and how they contribute to the country as a whole.
- Know how to identify each country in the UK based on its differences (e.g. emblems, flags, language use, patron saint, population)

Vocabulary

Capital city	The main city in a country.
Country	A place made up of cities, towns and villages, which are looked after by a government.
Dudley	A town in England where Hurst Hill School is located.
Emblem	A symbol used to represent each country.
England	The biggest country in the UK with a population of 55.5 million.
Flag	A piece of cloth with a special design or colour that is used as a symbol (as of a nation) or as a signal
Government	A group of people who run a country. The Prime Minister leads the UK government.
Monarchy	A monarchy is a system of government where a monarch (a king or queen) is the "head of state".
Language	How people in communicate with each other by talking and writing.
Northern Ireland	The smallest country in the UK joined to the Republic of Ireland.
Patron saint	The special saint that represents and looks after each country.
Population	The number of people who live in a place.
Scotland	A country in the north of the UK with a population of 5.5 million
Sea	A body of salt water not as large as an ocean and often nearly surrounded by land.
United Kingdom	A country made up of the smaller countries of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland
Wales	A country in the west of the UK with a population of 3 million.

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The UK

Compass Points

The Union Jack Flag

The Queen

Key Questions

Can you name the 4 countries and their capital cities of the UK?

Can you name the surrounding seas?

What is the role of the Queen in our government?

What does the Union Jack represent?

How different are the populations of the 4 UK countries?

What are the 4 patron saints and symbols of the 4 UK countries?