

## Curriculum Intent:

To equip children with knowledge about places, people, resources and both natural and human environments, together with a deep understanding of



Subject	Term	Unit	Year
Geography	Spring 1	United Kingdom	1

Prior knowledge Building on knowledge and skills	National Curriculum Focus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Draw information from a simple map.</li> <li>Recognise some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries.</li> <li>Explore the natural world around them.</li> <li>Recognise some environments are different from the one in which they live.</li> </ul>	<p><u>Locational knowledge</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>name, locate and identify characteristics of the 4 countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas</li> </ul> <p><u>Human and physical geography</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to:</li> </ul> <p><u>key physical features</u>, including: beach, cliff, coast, forest, hill, mountain, sea, ocean, river, soil, valley, vegetation, season and weather</p> <p><u>key human features</u>, including: city, town, village, factory, farm, house, office, port, harbour and shop</p> <p><u>Geographical skills and fieldwork</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the United Kingdom and its countries, as well as the countries, continents and oceans studied at this key stage</li> <li>use simple compass directions (north, south, east and west) and locational and directional language [for example, near and far, left and right], to describe the location of features and routes on a map</li> <li>use aerial photographs and plan perspectives to recognise landmarks and basic human and physical features; devise a simple map; and</li> </ul>

use and construct basic symbols in a key

Place knowledge

- Understand geographical similarities and differences through studying the human and physical geography of the United Kingdom

<b>What?</b>	To use maps, atlases and globes to name, locate and identify characteristics of the 4 countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas.
<b>Why?</b>	To be able to use a map to locate the 4 countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas.
<b>How?</b>	Using globes, atlases, maps and aerial photographs.

### Key vocabulary


Capital City	The main city in a country.	Globe	A spherical representation of the world
Country	An area of land led by a group of people.	Map	A diagrammatic representation of an area of land or sea showing physical features, cities, roads, etc
England	The biggest country in the UK	Atlas	A book of maps
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.	Countryside	The land and scenery of a rural area
Northern Ireland	The smallest country of the UK joined to the Republic of Ireland	London	The capital city of England
Population	The number of people who live in a place	Edinburgh	The capital city of Scotland
Scotland	A country in the north of the UK	Cardiff	The capital city of Wales
Sea	A body of salt water not as large as an ocean and often surrounded by land	Belfast	The capital city of Northern Ireland

United Kingdom	A country made up of smaller countries of England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland	World	The Earth together with all of its countries and people
Wales	A country in the west of the UK	English Channel	The body of water between England and France
Irish sea	The body of water between England and Wales and Northern Ireland and Ireland	North sea	The body of water between Great Britain, Norway and Denmark

### Key questions – end of unit

1. Can you locate the united kingdom on a world map?
2. What are the names of the four countries in the United Kingdom?
3. Can you locate the countries on the UK on a map?
4. What are the surrounding seas of the United Kingdom?
5. Can you name identify human and physical features of a city?
6. Can I identify human and physical features of the countryside?
7. What are the 4 capital cities of the United Kingdom?

### Key learning: (Specific link to the NC here)

Objective	Learning
<p>Can I use atlases, globes and maps to locate the United Kingdom?</p>	<p>Introduce key vocabulary ‘world’ <a href="#">The World - BBC Teach</a></p> <p>Use a variety of <b>atlases, globes</b> and <b>maps</b> to find the location of the <b>United Kingdom</b>.</p> <p>Use google maps on chromebooks to search and find the United Kingdom.</p> <p>Plot on a map of the world the location of the United Kingdom.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>

Can I name and locate the 4 countries of the United Kingdom?

[The United Kingdom - BBC Teach](#)

- The UK stands for the **United Kingdom**.
- It is called this because it is made up of four smaller countries: **England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales**.
- England, Scotland and Wales are located on the island of **Great Britain**. Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland are on the island of **Ireland**

Look at a map of the UK and locate the 4 countries, highlighting the spelling of each country. Alongside introduction, show the **flag** that represents each country.

Use compass directions North, South, East, West to describe the location of the countries in relation to one another.



Can I name and locate the 4 capital cities of the United Kingdom?

[The United Kingdom - BBC Teach](#)

A capital city is the main city within a country. Every country around the world has a capital city.

Each of the four countries of the UK has its own **capital city**.

- **Belfast** is the capital city of Northern Ireland.
- **Cardiff** is the capital city of Wales.
- **Edinburgh** is the capital city of Scotland.
- **London** is the capital city of England.

When we visit the capital cities, we see different **landmarks** in each one. Look at the landmarks.

Locate the capital cities on a map of the UK

Can I identify and name the surrounding seas of the United Kingdom?

A sea is the expanse of salt water that covers most of the earth's surface and surrounds its land masses.

The UK is surrounded by water:

- The **English Channel** (between England and France)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <b>Irish Sea</b> (between England and Wales and Northern Ireland and Ireland)</li> <li>• The <b>North Sea</b> (between Great Britain, Norway and Denmark).</li> </ul> <p>Locate the seas on the map of the UK</p>
<p>Can I identify human and physical features of a city and the countryside?</p>	<p><a href="#">Cities, towns and villages - BBC Teach</a></p> <p>The countryside generally refers to rural areas outside of cities and towns. It's characterized by vast open spaces, natural beauty, and a slower pace of life. On the other hand, a city is a densely populated area with a high concentration of buildings, businesses, and people. It's typically associated with a fast-paced lifestyle, cultural diversity, and job opportunities.</p> <p>Look at photographs taken of cities and countryside. Identify common human and physical features of both.</p> <p>Sort photographs based on city/countryside.</p>

**Websites**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z4v3jyv>  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/geography-ks1--ks2-the-united-kingdom/zhtgrj6>  
[www.googlemaps.com](http://www.googlemaps.com)

**Recommended Reads**



**Golden Thread**