



Geography

Mapping the world: The United Kingdom

Year 1

Autumn Term

Statutory Requirements

Pupils should develop knowledge about the world, the United Kingdom and their locality.

Children will learn to:

- **Name, locate and identify** characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the **United Kingdom** and its surrounding seas
- **Understand geographical similarities and differences** through studying the **human and physical** geography of a small area of the United Kingdom, and of a small area in a contrasting non-European country
- **Use basic geographical vocabulary** to refer to: **key physical features** and **key human features**
- **Use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the United Kingdom** and its countries, as well as surrounding seas/oceans. **Use simple compass directions** (North, South, East and West)

Diagrams and Symbols

Human features



Physical features



The Union Jack flag

Key Vocabulary

Spelling	Definition
Compass	A compass Rose gives directions. North, east, south, west
Map	Maps are pictures on flat pieces of paper or on a screen, showing features of the Earth
Atlas	Books full of maps and information about the Earth
Capital city	A capital is a city where the government leaders work from and where the government buildings are.
Ocean	A large area of Saltwater. Oceans cover most of the Earth. There are 5 oceans.
Sea	Seas are located (found) where land meets the ocean
Europe	One of the 7 continents of the Earth. The United Kingdom is part of the continent of Europe.
Additional Vocabulary North, east, south, west. North and South Pole, United Kingdom, human feature, physical feature, British Isles, city, town, village	

Key Knowledge

What is a human feature?	Human features are things like houses, roads, buildings and bridges . They have been built by people.
What is a physical feature?	Physical features are things like seas, mountains and rivers . They are natural. They have not been built or created by people.
What are the capital cities in the UK?	Capital of England- London Capital of Scotland- Edinburgh Capital of Northern Ireland- Belfast Capital of Wales- Cardiff
What is the United Kingdom	The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is made up of 4 countries: England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. England, Wales and Scotland are known as Great Britain. The flag of the United Kingdom is called the Union Jack.
What seas surround the UK?	The Irish Sea and the Atlantic Ocean to the west. The North sea to the east. The English Channel is to the south and separates the United Kingdom and France.