

## Year 1 Geography Spring: What is the United Kingdom?

We will continue to explore, “*What is my place in the world?*” by focussing on the United Kingdom. Children will learn about the four countries that make up the UK and their capital cities.

**Key skill:** I can use locational knowledge to identify countries, continents, regions and topographical features.

### We will be able to:

- Name and locate the 4 countries of the UK, its surrounding seas and capital cities.
- Use basic geographical vocabulary to describe key human and physical features
- Use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the UK and its countries.

### To deepen our learning we will:

- Compare some of the key physical features of the different countries in the UK.
- Compare towns and the countryside in the UK.
- Learn about some of the stories and symbols related to each of the countries of the UK.

### To celebrate our learning we will:

Design a new flag for the United Kingdom and make models of famous landmarks from around the UK. We will then hold an exhibition in our classroom.

### Vocabulary:

capital city, Europe, United Kingdom, England, Northern Ireland, Wales, London, Cardiff, Belfast, Edinburg, English Channel, Irish Sea, North Sea, Atlantic ocean.

Capital city – a city where the government of country is.

The *United Kingdom (UK)* is in *Europe*.

The *UK* is made up of *England, Wales, Scotland* and *Northern Ireland*.

The *UK* is surrounded by four seas: the *English Channel*, the *Irish Sea*, the *North Sea* and the *Atlantic Ocean*.

*London* is the capital city of *England*.

*Cardiff* is the capital city of *Wales*

*Edinburgh* is the capital city of *Scotland*.

*Belfast* is the capital city of *Northern Ireland*.



### How does this link to previous and future learning?

EYFS...?

Y1 How do I get to Orchard Meadow/Pegasus?

Y1 If we are not in the UK, where are we?

Y2 What happens when a street becomes a river?

Y3 How do people thrive in a frozen world?

Y5 Is Oxford the greatest city in Europe?