



UK



Pupils will learn

- Name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries of the UK, capital cities and surrounding seas.
- That our island is surrounded by water and the importance of this for our defence
- Looking at the contrasts within each country, understanding the difference between urban and rural.
- Look at some points of geographical interest (such as the Giant's causeway, Cheddar Gorge and Loch Lomond).

Important facts



The UK, is officially known as the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The UK includes the island of Great Britain, Northern Ireland and many smaller islands. Great Britain is an island—it is surrounded by seas: Irish Sea, North Sea, English Channel. The Republic of Ireland is not a country of the United Kingdom.

Local Links

- Norwich and Norfolk Festival
- Comparing the city of Norwich to the countryside/seaside.

Home Learning Ideas

- Trips to the city/ park/ countryside/ seaside.
- Norwich and Norfolk Festival.
- Use collage materials to make the flag of the UK or England, Scotland, Northern Ireland or Wales. .





Books to read at home

- The Big Book of the UK: Facts, folklore and fascinations from around the United Kingdom* by Imogen Russell Williams
- Big Picture Atlas* by Emily Bone

Key Questions

- Use Google Earth to start at school and zoom out. What do you notice?
- Can you use the compass points to describe the countries of the United Kingdom in relation to each other?
- Can you observe aerial view photographs and discuss what they show? What is the difference between the city and countryside?

Further Information

Country	Capital City	Flag	National Flower
England	London		rose
Scotland	Edinburgh		thistle
Wales	Cardiff		daffodil
Northern Ireland	Belfast		shamrock

Key Vocabulary

Atlantic Ocean	the Atlantic Ocean is the second largest of the world's oceans.	Scotland	Scotland is a country that is part of the United Kingdom. It covers the north of the island of Great Britain, with a border with England.
Capital city	the city or town that functions as the seat of government of a country or region.	Mountain	a large natural elevation of the earth's surface rising abruptly from the surrounding level; a large steep hill.
England	England is a country that is part of the United Kingdom. It shares land borders with Wales to the west and Scotland to the north.	North Sea	The North Sea is sea located between Great Britain, Denmark, Norway, Germany,
English Channel	the English Channel is an arm of the Atlantic Ocean that separates Southern England from northern France.	Northern Ireland	Northern Ireland is a country which is part of the United Kingdom.
Flag	a piece of cloth or similar material used as the symbol of a country.	Union	the action of the joining together of countries.
Hill	a naturally raised area of land, not as high as a mountain.	United Kingdom	The United Kingdom is made up of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.
Irish Sea	the Irish Sea separates the islands of Ireland and Great Britain.	Wales	Wales is a country which is part of the United Kingdom.
Island	a piece of land surrounded by water.	Valley	a low area of land between hills or mountains, typically with a river or stream flowing through it.
Assemble	gather together in one place for a common purpose.	Valid	legally binding due to having been executed in compliance with the law.

* Words in grey are Tier 2 (non-topic specific) vocabulary