

Key Question

What makes the United Kingdom an attractive place?

Geography - Year 2

Knowledge organiser

Teaching focus: use world maps, atlases, globes and photographs to

recognise the geographical characteristics of the United Kingdom

Learning Lens: Physical and Human

Previous Knowledge

Year 1– Trailblazers (our local environment)
Year 1– Weather: Hot and Cold, poles, equator
Year 2– How is life different in Kenya? Use of maps, world locational knowledge

Project Hook or 'Wow' memory

United Kingdom tea party at school

The key skills we want pupils to use during this topic:

Name, locate and identify characteristics of the 4 countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas.

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

Use aerial photographs to recognise landmarks and basic human and physical features

Use simple compass directions (north, south, east and west) and locational and directional language to describe the location of features and routes on a map.

Learning Steps

Key Knowledge (answers)

Where do we live?

United Kingdom is in Europe which consists of; England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. The capital city of England is London, the capital of Scotland is Edinburgh, the capital of Wales is Cardiff and the capital of Northern Ireland is Belfast.

How do I read a map?

Maps show areas of land and water, the water surrounds the land. There are 4 compass directions that help us find things; North, East, South and West. They tell us the direction of a place and help us find it on a map. There are lots of different symbols on maps, that relate to the satellite view. Using a satellite map you can see the different human and physical features.

What is a landmark? What is the difference between a human and physical feature?

A landmark is an object or a feature of a landscape that is important or makes a place easily recognisable. Famous landmarks in the UK include; Big Ben, Stonehenge, River Thames, Loch Ness, Durdle Door, Snowdon and Cardiff Castle. You can use road maps, satellite maps and photographs to locate these. Human features are: cities, towns, villages, factories, farms, houses, offices, ports, harbour and shops. Physical features are: beach, cliff, coast, forest, hill mountain, sea, ocean, river, soil, valley and vegetation.

What makes the United Kingdom a beautiful country?

United Kingdom has a diverse geographical landscape including; countryside, coasts, cliffs, highlands and large cities such as London. In the Scottish Highlands, Ben Nevis sits as the UK's highest mountain peak and dolphins swim near Inverness in the Moray Firth. In the South West of England, Devon and Cornwall have a variety of beaches, some with coves and caves. The Jurassic Coast boasts cliffs and views.

What is special about the United Kingdom? What foods are linked to each country?

The British Royal Family has existed for over 1,000 years and is very well known all over the world for their traditions and celebrations. Diverse range of food heritage such as afternoon tea, fish and chips, tikka masala, haggis, shortbread, fudge, porridge, neeps and tatties, leeks, laver bread, welsh cakes, bara brith, soda bread, yellowman's candy and barmbrak cake.

Key vocabulary

Capital City

An city within a country, where the central government operate.

Landmark

An object or a feature of a landscape that is important or makes a place easily recognisable.

Great Britain

An island in Europe, located in the North Atlantic Ocean, including England, Scotland and Wales.

Mountain

Land that rises high above the rest of the landscape, higher and steeper than a hill.

Compass

A tool for finding direction, has 4 points (North, East, South and West)

Satellite view

View of the land from above, showing areas of land and water.

United Kingdom

Made up of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Final Written Outcome

Write a newspaper article about a landmark in United Kingdom.

Draw a picture of a landmark in United Kingdom and explain why lots of people might like to visit there.

