

Bright Lights, Big City

The United Kingdom

The United Kingdom is a union of four countries: England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. Their capital cities are London, Edinburgh, Cardiff and Belfast.



Maps

A map is a picture that shows an area of land or sea. When using a map, we use words such as in front of and behind to describe where something is and words such as left and right to explain how to get somewhere.

Maps use symbols to show where things are like stations, parks, roads and rivers.



London

London is a large urban settlement. It is the largest city in the United Kingdom. Almost nine million people live there. The River Thames flows through it. Here are some famous London landmarks.



Houses of Parliament



Tower Bridge



Royal Albert Hall



London Eye

Seasons

The United Kingdom has four seasons and weather patterns change throughout the year.



The Great Fire of London

The Great Fire of London was a significant event in London's history. It began in a bakery on Pudding Lane on Sunday 2nd September, 1666. Many buildings were destroyed including St Paul's cathedral. Today, a monument stands where the fire began.



Monument to the Great Fire of London

Geography of the UK

There are many geographical features in the UK. Some features are human and some are physical.

Human features

Human features are things that are man-made and include schools, landmarks, monuments, airports, shops, houses, hospitals, parks, towns, villages and roads.



school



church

Physical features

Physical features are things that occur naturally and include rivers, trees, hills, mountains and coastline.



hills



coastline

Town and countryside

The United Kingdom is made up of towns, cities and villages. Life in a city can be very different from life in a small village in the countryside.

Life in a city

A city is a large urban settlement with lots of traffic and tall buildings. There are many shops and restaurants to visit there.



City of London

Life in the countryside

The countryside is a rural area outside of a town or city. Less people live and work in the countryside than in a city.



Village of Corton Denham in Somerset

Core Vocabulary

United Kingdom	England	Wales
Northern Ireland	Scotland	key
Capital city	London	Cardiff
Edinburgh	Belfast	Valley
vegetation	coastline	island
aerial view	fieldwork	compass
city	village	town
season	spring	summer
autumn	winter	landmark
different	similar	same

What's Come Before?

In Reception we explored maps and walked around our school and local area. We visited St Jude's Church. We learned that our school is in Englefield Green in England.

In the Autumn term, we learned to identify Human and Physical features and the 4 compass points (north, south east and west)