

KS1 Geography Knowledge Organiser: The United Kingdom

Prior learning:

- Name and locate the continents and oceans
- Identify the location of hot and cold countries in the World in relation to the Equator and the North and South Poles.
- Use geographical vocabulary to refer to key physical and human features.
- Use maps and atlases and simple compass directions.
- Identify some landmarks in our capital city - London.

Core learning:

- Locate the four countries of the United Kingdom and their surrounding seas on a map.
- Identify the four capital cities of the UK (Digimaps - capital stops activity)
- Explain the differences between human and physical features in the UK.
- Describe features of UK capital cities (Digimaps - aerial landmarks activity).
- Fieldwork enquiry: What farming is like here in Cornwall?
- RGS Map Skills - How to make and read maps (Y1/2 lessons)



Key Vocabulary & Concepts

Capital City	The city where a country's government is.	Channel	A wide waterway between two close lands.
City	Large urban areas that usually have a population of more than 100,000 and a cathedral or university (but there are exceptions!)	Island	An area of land entirely surrounded by water.
Country	A land or territory controlled by a single government.	Coast	The land along the edge of the sea.
Sea	Small salt water areas of oceans usually found where the ocean meets land.	Human features	Features of the landscape built by people like houses, roads and bridges.
Town	An urban settlement with a population of between 10,000 and 100,000.	Physical features	Natural features of the landscape like seas, mountains and rivers
Village	A rural settlement with a population of between 500 and 3,000 people.	Fieldwork	Learning/doing geography outside the classroom.

