

Year 1/2 –Autumn Term Geography – Where do we live?

Vocabulary and Glossary

Location	To be able to define where a specific place on Earth is, with reference to another place.
Globe	A globe is a map of Earth on a sphere
Compass	A tool which points out directions such as North, South, East and West
Continent	A large solid area of land made up of different countries
Country	An area of land that has its own government and can be large or small.
Currency	The unit that is used to describe the money used in a country – for example, pounds or Euros.
Population	The number of people living in a place
Island	An area of land surrounded by water
Landmark	A large object on land that is easy to see. It is usually an important building or monument
Travel	Going from one place to another to see new places and experience different cultures

Where in the world is the United Kingdom?

- The UK is in the northern hemisphere of the world.
- The UK is an island nation. There are four main seas that surround the UK.
- The North Sea is to the east of the UK. The English Channel is to the south of the UK. The Irish Sea is to the west of the UK.
- The Atlantic Ocean is to the far west of the UK.



Which countries and capital cities make up the UK?



- The UK is made up of four countries: England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.
- Each UK country has a capital city: London (England), Edinburgh (Scotland), Cardiff (Wales) and Belfast (Northern Ireland).
- Scotland lies to England's north, and Wales is to its west. Northern Island lies to the west and is part of a different section of land.

What is special about the United Kingdom?

How are the countries of the UK different?

- England is the biggest country in the UK. It has fields, hills and some mountains.
- Northern Ireland is the smallest country in the UK. It is often windy and rainy. It has lots of hills.
- Scotland is the coldest country in the UK. It has many mountains and forests.
- Wales is rainy and has mountains, valleys and forests. It is warmer than Scotland but cooler than England.



Which continent are we a part of?

- The UK is part of the continent called Europe. Europe is one of the seven continents and has many countries including France, Germany, Italy, and Spain.
- The UK's closest neighbours in Europe are countries including France, Ireland, and Belgium. You can travel to these countries easily from the UK.
- Many people in the UK go on holiday to European countries.



How are parts of Europe different to the UK?



- The UK is made up of four countries and is surrounded by water.
- Many countries in Europe are joined together by land.
- The UK has famous places like Big Ben and Stonehenge. Europe has famous places too, like the Eiffel Tower in France, the Colosseum in Italy and sunny beaches in Spain.
- The weather in the UK is often rainy and cloudy. Some countries in Europe are warmer and sunnier.
- People in different European countries speak different languages. Many countries in Europe use money called the Euro.

How easy is it for us to travel around the UK and Europe from Sutton Bonington?

