

Year 2 –Autumn Term Geography – What is special about the United Kingdom?

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 Ireland 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 largest and warmest country in the UK. England's landscape has flat and hilly areas. The soil is good for growing crops. There are some mountains in the north.
- Northern Ireland is the smallest country. It is often windy, cloudy and rainy. There are some mountains but most of the landscape is covered in rolling hills.
- Scotland is the second largest country. It has the coldest climate in the UK. The landscape is famous for its mountains, forests and moorland.
- Wales is the third largest country. The climate is warmer than Scotland but cooler than England. It gets more rain and less sunshine than the rest of the UK. The landscape includes mountains, valleys, forests and marshes.



How are parts of Europe different to the UK?



- The UK is an island nation made up of four countries. Most of the other countries in Europe share borders with one another.
- The UK has famous landmarks like Big Ben and Stonehenge.
- Europe has famous landmarks too, like the Eiffel Tower in France, the Colosseum in Italy and beautiful beaches in Spain.
- The UK often has rainy and cloudy weather. Some parts of Europe, like Spain and Greece, are warmer and sunnier.
- People in Europe speak many different languages including French, Spanish, Italian and Greek.
- The currency of many European countries is the Euro.

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

