

Key Facts

- UK stands for United Kingdom
- There are four countries in the United Kingdom: England, Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland.
- Capital city of Scotland is Edinburgh
- Capital city of Northern Ireland is Belfast
- Capital city of Wales is Cardiff
- Capital city of England is London
- We live in the country of England, the city of London and the area of Wembley



Geography

Year 1

Spring 2

The UK: Our Homeland

Vocabulary

Word	Definition
Country	A land that is controlled by a single government.
Capital city	The city where the government is located.
Flag	A piece of cloth of fabric with a design and colour.
Landmarks	Something that can be easily seen as being important to that place

Links to Previous Knowledge

In EYFS, under the understanding of the world ELG, children will have talked about some of the similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries including looking at maps.

Landmarks



Stonehenge in England



Edinburgh Castle in Scotland



Snowdonia in Wales



Giant's Causeway in Northern Ireland

Food



Fish and Chips
in England



Haggis
in Scotland



Welsh Rarebit
In Wales



Soda Bread
in Northern Ireland

Knowledge and Understanding:

Children will learn:

- To name the 4 countries that make up the UK - England, Wales Scotland and Northern Ireland
- To name the 4 capital cities of these countries
- To locate these 4 countries on a map
- To locate the 4 capital cities on a map
- To recognise some special characteristics of each of these countries
- To recognise some landmarks in London from an aerial view

Key Questions

- Can you name and locate the four countries that make up the United Kingdom?
- Can you name and locate the capital cities of these four countries?
- Can you talk about some of the special characteristics of each of these 4 countries such as food, flag and landmarks?
- Can you locate where we are in England?
- What landmarks can you see in London from the sky?

Key skills and concepts:

Children will be able to:

- Use geographical vocabulary.
- Use globes, atlases and maps.
- Draw key features on a map.



The United Kingdom

The United Kingdom is made up of Northern Ireland, England, Scotland and Wales.

