



Geography Focus: The Four Countries of the UK

Year 1

Knowledge and Understanding

National Curriculum Statements

- The Four Countries of the United Kingdom
- Capital cities of the UK
- Surrounding Seas of the UK
- Identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the UK
- Use simple compass directions (North, East, South, West) and directional and locational language (near and far; left and right)
- Use maps and atlases to identify the United Kingdom

Key Knowledge

England is a country.

There are four countries in the United Kingdom (UK):

- England
- Scotland
- Wales
- Northern Ireland

Each of these countries has a capital city, flag and national flower.

The UK is officially known as the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Great Britain is an island—it is surrounded by seas:

- Irish Sea
- North Sea
- English Channel

Know how to...

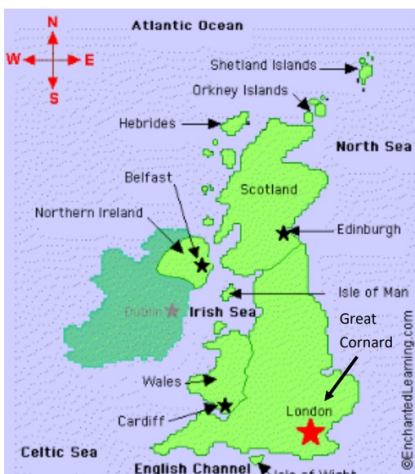
Present information knowledgably about the weather

Use directional language

Make a map, using simple symbols (key)

Key Vocabulary (NC vocab in green)

Spelling	Definition/Sentence
City	A large town. London and Chelmsford are cities.
Beach	An area of sand or stones beside the sea.
Cliff	A high area of land with a very steep side.
Hill	Rounded land that is higher than the local area
Coast	An area of land that is next to the sea.
Sea	A large area of salty water that is part of an ocean.
Forest	A lower part of land between two higher parts
House	A building designed for people to live in.
Weather	The state of the atmosphere at a particular time and place.
Rain	Water that falls in drops from clouds in the sky
Sunny	The sun is shining brightly
Cloudy	There are a lot of clouds in the sky
Foggy	Low-lying cloud, making it hard to see
Stormy	Thunder and lightning
Snowy	Soft, white pieces of frozen water that fall to the ground from the sky in cold weather
Hail	Hard pieces of frozen water that fall to the ground from the sky in cold weather
Windy	The air is moving and blowing
Rainbow	A curved line of different colours that sometimes appears in the sky when the sun shines through rain
Seasons	One of the four periods of the year which have different weather and hours of daylight
Spring	March, April and May
Summer	June, July and August
Autumn	September, October and November
Winter	December, January and February



Country	Capital City	Flag	National Flower
England	London		rose
Scotland	Edinburgh		thistle
Wales	Cardiff		daffodil
Northern Ireland	Belfast		shamrock

