

Lutley

Primary School

Learning, Caring, Aiming High - Together

Year 1

The United Kingdom

Prior knowledge:

The U.K. stands for The United Kingdom. There are 4 countries in the United Kingdom, England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. Each has a capital city. Halesowen is in the United Kingdom, in England.

Books, texts, primary and secondary sources you may use:

- Collins First Atlas
- National anthems for the countries in the UK
- Flags of the UK

Suggested family experience – Cut up a map of the United Kingdom and put it back together like a jigsaw.

National Curriculum:

Locational knowledge:

- Name, locate and identify the characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas.

Geographical skills and fieldwork:

- Use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the United Kingdom and its countries, as well as the countries, continents and oceans studied at this key stage.

Vocabulary you will use:

| Word | Definition |
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| capital city | The most important city in a country |
| city | A large town |
| England | Country in the United Kingdom |
| Halesowen | A town in England. The nearest town where Lutley Primary School is located. |
| language | How we talk or write using words |
| monarchy | The royal family of a country |
| Northern Ireland | Country in the United Kingdom |
| population | Number of people who live in a place |
| Scotland | Country in the United Kingdom. |
| United Kingdom | Made up of four countries: England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland |
| Wales | Country in the United Kingdom |
| sea | Area of salt water surrounding land |
| cliff | Steep or vertical face of rock next to the sea |
| beach | Pebbly or sandy shore next to the sea |
| mountain | Large raised section of the Earth's surface |

Questions we'll ask you throughout the unit to check your knowledge and understanding

Can you name the 4 countries in the United Kingdom?

Can you name the capital cities of the countries in the United Kingdom?

Can you find a country and city from in United Kingdom on a map?

Where is Halesowen in the United Kingdom?

Can you name and locate the seas surrounding the UK?

Lesson 1: The United Kingdom

Initially locate the UK on a world map and a globe. What countries and seas can we see that surround this?



The United Kingdom (UK) is made up of four countries:

- England,
- Wales,
- Scotland
- Northern Ireland.



The United Kingdom is part of the continent Europe.

The flag of the United Kingdom is called the Union Flag and is red, white and blue. When flown at sea, the flag is known as the Union Flag. (Union Jack when on a ship.)

The UK has a monarchy and a democratic government. The king is King Charles III and first in line to the throne is his eldest son, Prince William.



Lesson 2: England



Human Features: features that have been built by people.

England is the largest of the four countries of the United Kingdom (UK).

The capital city is London. Famous landmarks in London include Big Ben, Buckingham Palace and Tower Bridge, which crosses the River Thames.

Halesowen is a large town in England. The nearest city to Halesowen is Birmingham.



Physical Features: features of the natural environment.

Seas – North Sea, English Channel and Irish Sea

Longest River – Thames
Largest Lake – Windermere
Highest Mountain – Scafell Pike
Largest island – Isle of Wight

Lesson 3: Scotland



Human Features

Scotland is to the north of England. The capital city is Edinburgh. Edinburgh Castle is a famous landmark.



Physical Features

Longest River – Tay
Largest Lakes – Loch Lomond (area) and Loch Ness (volume)
Highest Mountain – Ben Nevis

Seas – North Sea, Atlantic Ocean

Loch Ness is a famous **tourist attraction**. About half a million people a year visit in search of Nessie, the 'Loch Ness Monster'!



Refer back to map of UK and the UK on the globe. Where is Scotland in relation to other countries in the UK? (North, South, West, East)

The Forth Rail Bridge and the Kelpies are other famous Scottish landmarks.



Lesson 4: Wales



Human Features

Refer back to map of UK and the UK on the globe. Where is Wales in relation to other countries in the UK? (North, South, West, East)



Conwy Castle, the Welsh parliament Building and Tenby harbour are amongst famous

Physical Features

Longest River – River Tywi
Largest Lake – Llyn Tegid
Highest Mountain – Snowdon



Seas – Irish Sea



Lesson 5: Northern Ireland



Human Features

Refer back to map of UK and the UK on the globe. Where is Northern Ireland in relation to other countries in the UK? (North, South, West, East)



Titanic Museum and 'Big Fish' statue on Belfast waterfront are famous human landmarks.

Physical Features

Seas – Irish Sea, Atlantic Ocean

Longest River – River Bann
Largest Lake – Loch Neagh
Highest Mountain – Slieve Donard



The Giant's Causeway: famous columns of basalt rock, which have inspired legends of giants striding over the sea to Scotland.