





Knowledge Organiser for Year 1 – UK study

Big question: What is the UK like?

National curriculum specification

- Name and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the UK and its surrounding seas.
- Study the human and physical geography of a small area of the UK
- Use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the UK and its countries.
- Use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to key physical features including: beach, cliff, coast, forest, hill, mountain, sea, ocean, river, soil, valley, vegetation, season and weather.



Country	Capital city	Flag	Flower
England	London		Rose
Scotland	Edinburgh		Thistle
Wales	Cardiff		Daffodil
Northern Ireland	Belfast		Shamrock

Key facts

Cambourne is a town in England.

England is a country.

There are 4 countries in the United Kingdom.

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

The UK includes the island of Great Britain, Northern Ireland and other small islands.

Great Britain is an island surrounded by seas: Irish Sea, North Sea, English Channel.

The Republic of Ireland is **not** a country of the United Kingdom.

Key vocabulary/Tier 3

Aerial view	A view from above.
Capital city	The city where the government sits.
City	A large town.
Compass point	Any of the main points on a compass: north, east, south, west.
Country	An area of land which is controlled by its own government.
England	A country in the UK.
Flag	A piece of cloth that can be attached to a pole and used as a symbol of a particular country.
Island	An area of land completely surrounded by water.
Great Britain	An island made up of England, Scotland and Wales.
Sea	A large body of salt water that is part of an ocean.
United Kingdom	Officially known as the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Includes England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.