

THE UNITED KINGDOM

YEAR 1

Key Vocabulary

map	A map is a drawing which shows where things are.
union	Joining two or more things into one.
ocean	The ocean is a huge body of salty water.
hills	A hill is a landform that is higher than the land around it.
lochs	A lake in Scotland.
mountains	Is higher than a hill.
Lakes	Are large bodies of water that are surrounded by land and are not part of an ocean.
valleys	Valleys is a ditch between hills or mountains.
rural	The countryside.
urban	Places such as cities where buildings and places where people work and live are all close together.



Geographical Skills:

- Use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the UK and its countries.
- Use simple compass directions (North, South, East and West) and locational and directional language to describe the location of the four countries within the UK.
- Children use aerial photographs and plan perspectives to recognise basic human and physical features of the UK; devise a simple map; and use and construct basic symbols in a key.

Key Facts:

- The United Kingdom is a union of four countries: England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
- The UK is surrounded by four bodies of water: the English Channel, the North Sea, the Irish Sea and the Atlantic Ocean.
- The capital city of Scotland is Edinburgh. The northern part of Scotland is known as the Highlands. Here you can find large mountains called Munros, valleys and enormous lakes called lochs. One of the deepest lakes in Britain is Loch Ness.
- Wales is a country known for its hills, mountains and mild damp climate. The capital city of Wales is Cardiff.
- Ireland is made up of two countries, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. The capital city of Northern Ireland is Belfast. A famous landmark in Northern Ireland is the Giant's Causeway.
- London is the capital city of England. England is made up of rural and non-rural areas.

MAP OF THE UNITED KINGDOM



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