

Woodley Primary School – Knowledge Organiser

Geography Focus:	UK and Local Area	Year 2	Autumn and spring
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Key Vocabulary	
Spelling	Definition
Great Britain	An island that is made up of England, Scotland and Wales
United Kingdom	The UK, is officially known as the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
Country	An area of land that is controlled by its own government. England = London Scotland = Edinburgh Wales = Cardiff Northern Ireland = Belfast
Capital city	The city where the government sits, London is the capital city of England and the UK. England = London Scotland = Edinburgh Wales = Cardiff Northern Ireland = Belfast
Compass point	Any of the main points of a compass; north, south, east and west
Aerial view	A view from above
Flag	A piece of cloth which can be attached to a pole and used as a symbol of a particular country
Physical geography	Features of land that are naturally occurring
Human geography	Features of land that have been impacted by human activity
Island	A piece of land that is completely surrounded by water
Sea	A large area of salty water that this is part of an ocean
Village	A small group of houses, perhaps with shops, that are often in the countryside

Prior Knowledge	
What I should already know ...	
Year 1:	Aerial perspective Mapping school grounds Directional language

What I will know at the end of the unit	
Objectives for the unit:	Use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the United Kingdom and its countries and oceans. Understand geographical similarities and differences through studying the human and physical geography of a small area in the UK and a non-European country. Name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas.
Key Skills & Fieldwork:	Find the four countries of the United Kingdom using map skills. Compare the human and physical geographical features of the four countries saying how they are similar and different. Use Google Earth to start at school and zoom out. What do you notice? Observe aerial view photographs and know what they show. Use the compass points to describe the countries of the United Kingdom in relation to each other countries of the United Kingdom in relation to each other.
Key Knowledge:	Name and locate the four countries in the United Kingdom (UK): England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland Name and locate the four capital cities in the United Kingdom (UK): London, Edinburgh Cardiff and Belfast 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 many smaller islands. Great Britain is an island. Name and locate surrounding seas: Irish Sea, North Sea, and the English Channel. The Republic of Ireland is not a country of the United Kingdom.

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



Possible Experiences
Celebrate 'Best of UK' by sampling traditional Welsh, Scottish, English and Irish dishes. Wear red, white or blue for the celebration day to make a human flag. Create a fact file of everything that has been learned in this unit.