

Riverside Primary – Geography Knowledge Organiser UKS2 United Kingdom

Topic: United Kingdom

Phase: UKS2

NC Strand: Locational Knowledge, Geographical Skills and Fieldwork.

Key Vocabulary:

town	Towns are urban areas with a name, boundaries and its own government.
city	A large town. London is a city.
coastal	An area of land close to the sea.
urban	Belonging to, or relating to, a town or city.
country	An area of land that is controlled by its own government.
county	A region of Britain or Ireland which has its own local government.
human features	Features of land that have been impacted by human activity.
physical features	Natural features of land.
landscape	Everything you can see when you look across an area of land, including hills, rivers, buildings, trees, and plants.
population	All the people who live in a country or area.
rural	Places that are far away from large towns or cities.
topographical	The physical features of an area of land, for example its hills, valleys, and rivers.
river	A river is a large natural stream of water flowing in a channel to the sea, a lake or another channel.
Mouth (river)	The point where the river meets the sea or ocean is called the mouth of the river.
Delta	A delta is a landform that occurs from the deposition of sediment.
tributary	Small rivers or streams that join large rivers.

Locational Knowledge - name and locate counties and cities of the United Kingdom, geographical regions and their identifying human and physical characteristics, key topographical features (including hills, mountains, coasts and rivers).

Geographical Skills and Fieldwork -

- use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied
- use the eight points of a compass, four and six-figure grid references, symbols and key (including the use of Ordnance Survey maps) to build their knowledge of the United Kingdom and the wider world.
- use fieldwork to observe, measure, record and present the human and physical features in the local area using a range of methods, including

What Should I Already Know?

The village I live/ go to school in is called **Hullbridge**, which is in Essex. There are villages. Towns and cities in Essex, some of which are coastal.

Essex is in England, which is a country. England, which is in the United Kingdom, is in the continent of Europe.


The capital cities of the four countries that make up the United Kingdom and their characteristics.

The surrounding seas of the United Kingdom.

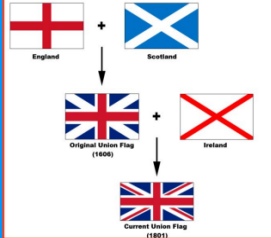
How to locate places using four figure grid references.

How to identify features such as hills, mountains, coasts and rivers on a map.

England is in the continent of Europe. There are seven continents.




The Union Jack combines the cross of St Andrew (Scotland), St George (England and Wales) and the cross of St Patrick (Ireland).



This diagram shows how the flag was constructed.

Do you know what the difference between a town and a city is?

The point where the river meets the sea or ocean is called the MOUTH of the river. Sometimes, the mouth of the river can create a DELTA. A delta is a landform that occurs from the deposition of sediment. This means that the rocks, stones and soil carried along by the river are built up on the land.



The UK is divided into four countries, each of which has its own capital city. However, London is the capital of the United Kingdom as a whole and is where the country is run from.



Country	Capital City
England	London
Scotland	Edinburgh
Wales	Cardiff
N. Ireland	Belfast

Towns or cities?

Towns are urban areas with a name, boundaries and its own government. A town is generally larger than a village but smaller than a city. A town can only be called a city if it is granted this status by the king or queen. In the past, a city could only be a city if it had a cathedral. Sometimes, city status can be awarded to a town to commemorate a special occasion, such as a Jubilee.

Volcanos are also mountains. Volcanos are caused when magma (hot melted rock) erupts through the centre of the volcano and the lava cools in a cone shape. Volcanos are built up when layers of cooled lava turn to rock which build on top of each other over time.




There are no active volcanos in the UK but there are several mountains that were formed by volcanos that are now extinct.

Mountain or a Hill?

The difference between a hill and a mountain is not always clear and there is no set definition for the difference. Hills are generally smaller than mountains. Mountains are usually steeper than hills too and have a distinct summit.

Sometimes, the words 'ocean' and 'sea' are used interchangeably but there is a difference between the two. Seas are usually areas where the water and land meet and are partially enclosed by land. Seas are also smaller than oceans.



The counties of England can be split into different regions to help locate them.



This map shows some of the major towns and cities in the UK.



How would you describe the location of London within the UK?