

Knowledge Organiser

Topic: The UK – countries, regions and counties

Year: 3

Geography

What should I already know?

- The 7 continents are called Europe, North America, South America, Asia, Africa, Antarctica, Australia.
- We live in the continent of Europe.
- We live in the United Kingdom, which is made from England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.
- The capital city of England is London.
- There are 4 directions of a compass: North, South, East and West.
- An atlas is a book with lots of maps in.

Geographical skills and fieldwork

- Find the countries using an atlas.
- Compare the human and physical geographical features of the countries saying how they are similar and different.
- Research the precipitation and average temperatures in different regions of England.
- Compare land use, employment levels and transport in different counties.
- Use the compass points to describe the counties in relation to each other.

Vocabulary

atlas	book of maps
capital city	the city where the government sits. London is the capital city of England.
city	a large town. London is a city.
climate	the <u>general</u> weather conditions that are typical of a place
coasts	an area of land that is <u>next</u> to the sea
Compass	any of the <u>main</u> points of a compass: north, south, east, west, north-east, north-west, south-east and south-west.
continent	a very large area of land that consists of many countries. Europe is a continent.
country	an area of land that is controlled by its own government.
equator	an imaginary line around the middle of the Earth at an equal distance from the North and South Pole.
globe	a ball-shaped object with a map of the world on it
human geography	features of land that have been impacted by human activity
landmark	a building or feature which is easily recognised
physical geography	natural features of land
population	all the people who live in a country or area
sea	a large area of salty water that is part of an ocean
tourist	a person who is visiting a place for pleasure and interest, especially when they are on holiday.

What will I know by the end of the topic?

The regions of England:



We live in the county of Northamptonshire:



	Human feature	Physical feature
Northamptonshire	Northamptonshire has many villages and towns (such as Wellingborough). There are no cities in Northamptonshire but the biggest town is Northampton.	River Nene, which starts at Arbory Hill. There are no coastlines. The landscape is green as there are many fields. The climate is mild. The summers are warm and the winters are cool.
Cumbria	The only city in Cumbria is Carlisle. There are many towns and villages in Cumbria. Cumbria has many farms, mainly beef and dairy farming.	The highest mountain in England is in Cumbria. Scafell Pike is 978 metres high. Cumbria has a coast on the West. The Lake District is a national park in Cumbria.
Norfolk	Norwich is the largest city in Norfolk. There are many towns and villages. Norfolk has many farms, mainly agricultural farms because of the flat land. Norfolk has many tourist towns because of the coast.	The East and North coast of Norfolk is a coast. Norfolk is a very flat county. Norfolk has many rivers, including the Great-Ouse which also runs through Northamptonshire.

