

# Bishop Bronescombe C of E Primary School



Topic: The UK

Year 1/2

Strand: Geography

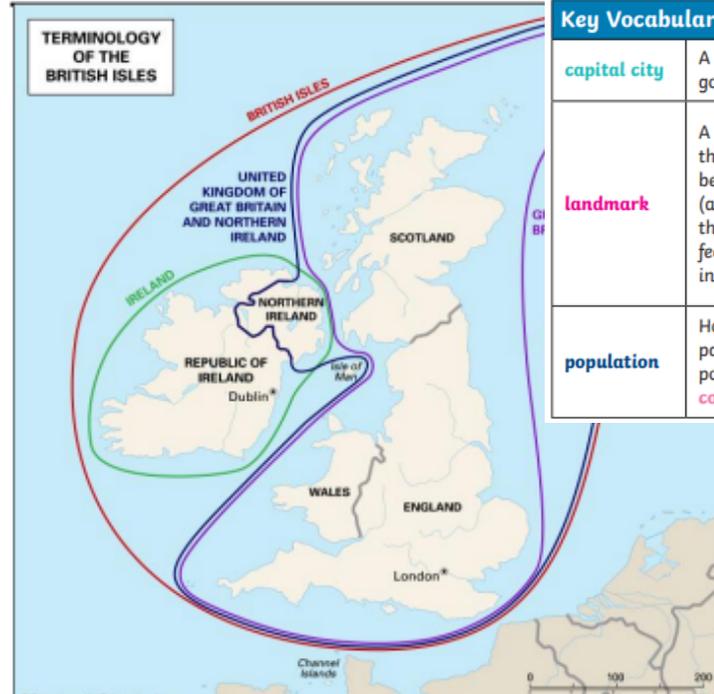
## What your child should already know:

- Geography is the study of the world .
- Seasonal change
- 4 Compass points
- Aerial photographs
- Physical and human landmarks

## By the end of the unit, your child should be able to:

- Compare the different countries of the UK
- The 4 countries within the UK
- The Capital Cities in the UK
- The location of each country in the UK

## Key Knowledge



### Key Vocabulary

<b>capital city</b>	A town or city where the government sits.
<b>landmark</b>	A feature of a landscape or place that is easily recognised. It could be something made by people (a human feature) or something that occurred naturally (a physical feature). Big Ben is a <b>landmark</b> in London.
<b>population</b>	How many people live in one particular place. This could be the population of a city, a <b>town</b> , a <b>country</b> or the whole world.

### The UK

The **UK** is made up of the **island** of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. It is surrounded by the English Channel, the North Sea, the Irish Sea and the North Atlantic Ocean.

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<b>town</b>	A <b>town</b> is a place where people live and work. There may be shops, places of worship, leisure facilities and schools there. It is bigger than a village but smaller than a city.
<b>countryside</b>	Land that is not in <b>towns</b> or cities. Sometimes there are small settlements (like hamlets and villages) there. The <b>countryside</b> has lots of farmland and often has woodland.
<b>pro</b>	The positives of something.
<b>con</b>	The negatives of something.
<b>country</b>	An area of land with its own government, rules and borders.
<b>UK</b>	The United Kingdom. It is made up of four countries: England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.
<b>island</b>	An area of land surrounded by water.



Queen Elizabeth II is the Monarch of the United Kingdom.

### Union Flag

Officially known as the Union Flag, the flag of the United Kingdom is popularly known as the Union Jack.



The flag combines the symbols of England's patron saint St George, Scotland's patron saint, St Andrew, and Ireland's patron saint, St Patrick. Wales is not shown because when the first version was created in 1606, Wales was part of England.

### Countries in the United Kingdom

**England:** England is the largest **country** in the **UK**. London is the **capital city**. Many parts of England are flat but there is also lots of rural **countryside** with rolling hills and valleys in the north.

**Scotland:** Scotland is a **country** in the north of the **UK**. Edinburgh is the **capital city**. Scotland has large mountains including Ben Nevis, which is the largest in the **UK**.

**Northern Ireland:** Northern Ireland is the smallest **country** in the **UK**. Belfast is the **capital city**. One of the most famous **landmarks** is Giant's Causeway (natural rock steps mostly hexagonal in shape).

**Wales:** Wales is a mountainous **country** in the west of the **UK**. Cardiff is the **capital city**. Wales has its own language (Welsh). Not everyone there speaks it though.