

West Kirby Primary School

We are Britain!

Year 1 & 2 (Autumn 1 2022)

The United Kingdom

There are four countries in the United Kingdom:

| Country | Capital City | Flag |
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| England | London | |
| Scotland | Edinburgh | |
| Wales | Cardiff | |
| Northern Ireland | Belfast | |

Each country has a capital city and flag.

The UK is officially known as the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Great Britain consists of England, Wales and Scotland. It is an island as it is surrounded by seas:

- The Irish Sea
- The North Sea
- The English Channel

The UK also includes many smaller islands such as the Orkney and Shetland Islands.

The Republic of Ireland is **not** a country of the United Kingdom.

In each country in the UK, there are lots of counties. For example, our primary school is in **West Kirby**, which is in the county of **Merseyside**.



The United Kingdom on a map of Europe

Prior Learning

Year 1

- Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments.
- Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from observations, discussion and maps.

Year 2

- Name and locate the world's 7 continents and 5 oceans
- Use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the UK and its countries.
- Understand geographical similarities and differences through studying the human and physical features of British seaside resorts.

Vocabulary Dozen

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| Address | A written direction to describe where someone lives |
| Aerial View | A view something or somewhere from above |
| Continent | A large area of land that may include several countries |
| Compass | An instrument used for finding directions with a magnetic needle that always points North |
| Country | An area of land controlled by its own Government |
| County | Local areas within a country, for example, Merseyside and Cheshire |
| United Kingdom | The United Kingdom consists of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland |
| Human Features | Features of land that has been impacted by human activity |
| Landmark | A building, structure or other place that has significant historical or cultural importance |
| Northern Hemisphere | The half of the Earth between the North Pole and the equator |
| Physical Features | Natural features of the land that have been formed with human activity |
| Postcode | An official code made from letters and number to form part of an address |

Ideas to think about...

- Can you name any famous people from the UK?
- Do you know any traditional British features or landmarks?
- Who is in the Royal family? Where do they live?
- Do you know our school's address and postcode? When might it be used?

