



Knowledge Organiser Year 2 Geography

The UK and our local environment

In this unit children will be taught how to locate the UK on a map, name the four countries and capital cities. Children will use simple field work and observational skills to study the local environment. They will make trails and maps of our school and village of Willoughby and follow routes. They children will use aerial photographs to locate local landmarks.

Prior learning:

Year 1. Compass points and direction.

Map skills: the seven continents.

Cross curricular links:

Maths: position and direction

DT: making 3D models

Key Vocabulary

Aerial photographs - A photograph taken from the sky.

Capital city - the city where the government sits. London is the capital city of England and the UK.

Compass point - any of the main points of a compass: north, south, east and west.

Country - an area of land that is controlled by its own government.

Directions - An instruction to be followed to take you to a specific place.

Flag - a piece of cloth which can be attached to a pole and which is used as symbol of a particular country.

Human features - Those made by a person e.g shops, city, town, office

Local landmarks - A building of importance that can be easily seen and help someone find their way to a place near it.

Physical features - Those made by nature e.g the beach, cliff, sea, hills, mountains.

River - A flowing, moving stream of water which heads to the sea.

Rural area - In the countryside, not a town or city.

Village - A group of houses in a rural area with a population of a few hundred.

Key knowledge

There are four countries in the United Kingdom (UK)

- England
- Scotland
- Wales
- Northern Ireland
- Each of these countries has a capital city, flag and national flower.

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

Great Britain is an island and is surrounded by seas: Irish Sea, North Sea and the English Channel.

The country we live in is called England.

Physical features: are made by nature - hills, mountains, sand, sea and cliffs.

Human features: are made by people - shops, houses, offices, towns and cities.

Aerial photographs: shows us what a place looks like from the air. We can use them to locate human and physical features.

Local landmarks

Willoughby has **St Helena's Church of England School, St Helena's Church, a garage and public House.**

The village has changed over time and once had a butcher, a dairy shop, a post office and a railway line.

The village is close to the town of Alford and a larger coastal town of Skegness and the Lincolnshire Wolds.

Population is about 400 people

In this unit children will:

Use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the United Kingdom and the seven continents.

Name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and surrounding seas.

Locate where we live on a map of England and find our school on a map of Willoughby.

Distinguish between physical and human features of Willoughby.

Identify and use sources of information - maps, aerial photographs to compare Willoughby and London in the past and present.

Record a trail using arrows, symbols, a key and simple compass points