Theydon Bois Primary Knowledge Organiser: Geography — Year 5 and 6

The United Kingdom

Big Ideas		
	Location	Where is the UK in relation to other countries? What surrounds the UK?
	Environment, Physical and Human Geography	How have humans shaped the UK? How are cities different throughout the UK? What is the elevation like in different areas of the country? What are the major rivers and mountains in the UK?

Three Key Questions

Where is the UK in Europe, and how can we describe its location accurately?	What is the difference between Great Britain and the United Kingdom?	What is the name of your closest river? Whereis the source? Where is the mouth?

Vocabulary

United Kingdom	The country made up of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.
Great Britain	The island containing England,Scotland and Wales.
Country	A nation with its own government.
Capital City	Where a country's government is based (e.g. London).
County	An administrative region within a country.
Town/City	Urban settlements; city status is formally granted.
Urban / Rural	Built-up vs countryside areas.
Compass Points	N, NE, E, SE, S, SW, W, NW for describing location.
Altitude / Elevation	Height above sea level.
Mountain Range	A connected group of mountains.

Map



The Union Flag



Geographical Skills

Topographical maps help us view areas of land with differing elevation.
• The key/legend helps us distinguish the highest (brown) areas from the low (dark green) areas.

➡ Which country in the UK has the most highlands?
➡Which country in the UK has the most lowlands?

.Key Information

The UK sits in north-west Europe. It is made up of several islands and shares a border with the Republic of Ireland.
It is has several seas and oceans surrounding it, including: the Atlantic Ocean, the North Sea, the Irish Sea, and the English Channel.
The highest mountains in each country include Ben Nevis (Scotland), Snowdon/Yr Wyddfa (Wales), Scafell Pike (England) and Slieve Donard (Northern Ireland).
UK rivers include the Severn (longest), Thames, Trent, Great Ouse, Wye and Ouse/Ure.

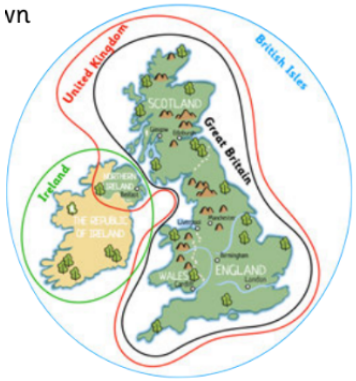
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River	A natural flow of water in a channel.
Source	Where a river begins.
Tributary	A smaller river that joins a larger one.
Meander	A bend in a river.
Mouth / Estuary	Where a river meets the sea; the tidal lower course.

.Location Knowledge

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The UK is a group of countries within the British Isles. It is made up of four countries: England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

- It can be broken down into regions (East Midlands, South West, etc.) and counties (Norfolk, Cumbria, Devon, etc.).
- Major settlements (towns and cities) might use rivers for trade and transport.

We Are Learning To...

Identify and describe key geographical features of the United Kingdom.	To be able to identify and locate the counties of the United Kingdom.	To be able to locate and identify towns and cities in the UK.	To find out about the hills	To find out about the seas	To be able to identify and explore the major rivers of the UK.

Fun Facts



Loch Ness is a large, deep freshwater lake in the Scottish Highlands. For years, there was thought to be a monster ('Nessie') living in the lake, but it was a hoax ... or was it?

