



Year 1

The UK

During this unit children will be introduced to the name, location and characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom. They will look at the formation of the Union Jack and identify it as the flag of the United Kingdom. They will look at physical and human features of the countries within the UK and will use maps to identify coastlines, hills, rivers, lakes, towns and cities. They will identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the UK.

Children will use maps and atlases to locate the United Kingdom and will recognise the location of the countries within the UK. As children move through the curriculum, they will have frequent opportunity to use atlases and will become more confident at navigating to find the information they need. This unit provides a foundation of knowledge from which children will build when they study the United Kingdom again in more detail in Year 2.

Children will build on their understanding of place as they identify locations around the UK. They will also begin to understand how places are connected.