



Year 2

The British Isles

Key Vocabulary

The United Kingdom	The union of the following countries: England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland
The British Isles	The group of islands, located in north-western Europe, that include Britain and Ireland and over six thousand smaller islands
island	A piece of land entirely surrounded by water
Urban	An area surrounding towns and cities
Rural	A area located outside of towns and cities and usually is in the country side
Capital city	A city where the government of the country is located
City	A place where a large number of people live
Coast	A line between the land and an ocean or lake



England



Ireland



Scotland



Wales



Northern
Ireland



Year 2 (6 hours)

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Curriculum Intent Links - 3 a (iii)
Reverence for our local community.



Key Concept:

- An island is a body of land entirely surrounded by water
- The British Isles are a group of islands that make up different countries.
- The biggest island in the British Isles is Britain. In Britain there are three countries, England, Scotland and Wales. The next largest island in the British Isles is called Ireland and is made up of two countries, the Republic of Ireland in the south and Northern Ireland in the north.
- Together England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland form the United Kingdom and share a flag, called the Union Jack. The republic of Ireland has its own flag.
- There are thousands of other smaller islands in the British Isles, not all are inhabited.
- Edinburgh is the capital city of Scotland. The southern part of Scotland is where the cities of Glasgow and Edinburgh are located, the northern part of the country is called the Highlands.
- The tallest mountain in Britain is called Ben Nevis and is in a mountain range called the Grampians in Scotland.
- Wales is a country in the British Isles. The capital of Wales is Cardiff which is located in the south of the country.
- Wales has a rocky coastline. A long time ago, ships often became wrecked off the coast of Wales during storms. The Royal Charter was a famous ship carrying gold from Australia that became shipwrecked off the coast of Anglesey in 1859.
- Ireland is an island in the British Isles. The island of Ireland is home to two countries, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.
- The Giant's Causeway is a famous landmark in Northern Ireland. The interesting shape of the rocks is due to a volcanic eruption which happened around 60 million years ago.
- The capital city of England is London, which is also the capital of the United Kingdom. The Houses of Parliament are in London and this is where the government make decisions about the rest of the United Kingdom.

Local links:

Where is Southport located in the UK?
Which UK countries have you visited on holiday?
Ask children to share photos of their holidays.

Think like a Geographer:

Compare the UK countries.
Share experiences of the countries.

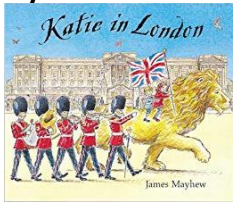
Lesson Sequence:

1. The British Isles are a group of islands that include Britain and Ireland.
2. To recognise Scotland as a country of the British Isles.
3. To recognise Wales as one of the countries in the British Isles.
4. To recognise Ireland as the one of the countries in the British Isles.
5. To recognise England as a country within the British Isles.
6. Use maps and atlases to identify locations within the British Isles. Answer geographical questions such as 'What is it like to live in this place?'

National Curriculum Coverage:

- name, locate and identify characteristics of the 4 countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas
- use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to: key physical features, including: beach, cliff, coast, forest, hill, mountain, sea, ocean, river, soil, valley, vegetation, season and weather. Key human features, including: city, town, village, factory, farm, house, office, port, harbour and shop

Link to a Text - Used in Literacy lessons



Link to extended writing

The children will write a diary entry of Katie's visit to London and the Landmarks she visited.