

Year 1 – Spring Topic – Me and My World

Geography



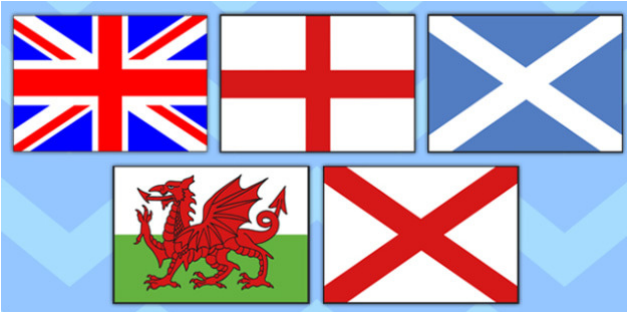
Countries in the United Kingdom

England: England is the largest **country** in the **UK**. London is the **capital city**. Many parts of England are flat but there is also lots of rural **countryside** with rolling hills and valleys in the north.

Scotland: Scotland is a **country** in the north of the **UK**. Edinburgh is the **capital city**. Scotland has large mountains including Ben Nevis, which is the largest in the **UK**.

Northern Ireland: Northern Ireland is the smallest **country** in the **UK**. Belfast is the **capital city**. One of the most famous **landmarks** is Giant's Causeway (natural rock steps mostly hexagonal in shape).

Wales: Wales is a mountainous **country** in the west of the **UK**. Cardiff is the **capital city**. Wales has its own language (Welsh). Not everyone there speaks it though.



Flags

We will learn about and recreate the flags from all the countries of the UK as well as significant symbols and traditions.



Key Vocabulary

town	A town is a place where people live and work. There may be shops, places of worship, leisure facilities and schools there. It is bigger than a village but smaller than a city.
countryside	Land that is not in towns or cities. Sometimes there are small settlements (like hamlets and villages) there. The countryside has lots of farmland and often has woodland.
country	An area of land with its own government, rules and borders.
UK	The United Kingdom. It is made up of four countries: England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.
island	An area of land surrounded by water.
capital city	A town or city where the government sits.
landmark	A feature of a landscape or place that is easily recognised. It could be something made by people (a human feature) or something that occurred naturally (a physical feature). Big Ben is a landmark in London.
population	How many people live in one particular place. This could be the population of a city, a town , a country or the whole world.

Science

In science, we will be observing changes across the seasons and describing weather associated with seasons and how day length varies.

Spring  March April May	Summer  June July August
Autumn  September October November	Winter  December January February

We will also explore differences between living, dead and never alive and know that humans and animals have offspring that grow into adults. Then we will learn about the importance of being healthy.

Key Vocabulary

Living things	All living things can reproduce, grow, move, breathe, adapt or respond to their environment.
Dead	No longer alive.
Alive	Not dead.
Have never been alive	Anything metal, plastic or stone has never been alive.
Habitat	Places where animals and plants live.

History

We will be looking at how Britain has changed over time, in particular how Aston has changed.



Art and Design

Dame Vivienne Westwood was one of the most famous fashion designers in history. She also designed bridalwear, shoes, scarves and perfumes. She was awarded British Designer of the Year twice and became a Dame in 2006.



Captain James Cook

Captain Cook sailed around the world twice during his lifetime! He went on three voyages that uncovered lots of important information about the world. His achievements in mapping the Pacific, New Zealand and Australia changed our view of world geography.

The First Voyage of Captain James Cook

