



Subject: Geography Topic: Big City Adventure Year group: 1 Term: Spring 1

National Curriculum Objectives

Name, locate and identify characteristics of the 4 countries and capital cities of the UK.

Study the human and physical geography of a small area of the UK.

Understand similarities and differences between places.

Name and locate countries of the UK.

Understand similarities and differences between a UK area and a non-European country.

Prior Learning

In EYFS:

Explains similarities and differences between two familiar places.

Understands they live in the UK and can talk about its basic features.

Names the four counties in the UK with support.

Uses basic positional words.

Future Learning

In Year one:

In Year two:

Using an atlas.

Equator, continents, oceans, compare UK

Features of the coastline

Cleethorpes

Key Questions

What are the four counties of the UK and their capital cities?

What is a landmark?

Can you name any London landmarks?

What are the categories of landmarks?

What is a city?

Substantive Knowledge (key facts, dates and concepts)

- **The 4 counties of the UK:** know that the four countries of the UK are; England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.
- **Capital cities of the UK:** know that the capital cities of the UK are; London, Edinburgh, Cardiff, Belfast.
- **Landmarks:** Know that a landmark is a large feature that can be seen from far away.
- **The 6 categories of landmarks:** Know that the 6 categories are; memorials, entertainment venues, royal buildings, places of worship, engineering structures, physical features.
- **A city:** Know that a city is a large, busy place where many people live, work, and play close together
- **London landmarks:** Know at least 4 London landmarks. For example; Big Ben, London Eye, Tower Bridge, St Paul's Cathedral.
- **Compass directions:** Know how to move North, South, East and West on a map.
- **Comparing capital cities:** Know that cities far away from one another have similar landmarks.

Disciplinary Knowledge

To be able to name and locate towns and cities in the UK.

To be able to use aerial photographs to name and describe landmarks.

To be able to use geographical vocabulary to name and describe the purpose of landmarks.

To be able to use geographical vocabulary to describe features of a city.

To be able to name and describe the human features that are London landmarks.

To be able to use compass directions to describe locations on a map.

To be able to compare the features of a UK city and a non-European city.

1.The United Kingdom

Sticky Knowledge

Name the 4 cardinal directions (north, south, east west) – Year 1

What are physical features? (Features that are

naturally occurring and formed over time) – Year 1

What is the capital city of England (London) – Year 1

Intent

Recap the 4 countries of the UK.

What are their capital cities? – identify them on a map.

Identify and find some landmarks from last lesson on a map.

2. What is a landmark

Sticky Knowledge

What are the three main types of settlement? (Village, town, city) - EYFS

What country do we live in? (England) -EYFS

What is a human feature? (made by people) – Year 1

Intent

Talk about what a landmark is.

Look at different types of landmarks around the UK.

What landmarks are there in our hometown of Scunthorpe? – use google earth to identify them.

3.Sorting local landmarks and famous landmarks in the UK

Sticky Knowledge

What is a landmark? (A feature that can be seen from far away that tells us about the location and community) – Year 1 (previous lesson)

What are the four countries of the UK? (England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland) – Year 1

Name the country you live in? (England) - EYFS

Intent

Are all landmarks used for the same purpose?

Discuss the different categories landmarks have. (there are 6)

Sort landmarks into the correct categories.

Sequence of lessons

4. What is a city?

Sticky Knowledge

What is the Equator? (an imaginary line around the centre of the Earth) -Year 1

What are the four countries of the UK? (England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland)- Year 1

Which country do we live in? (England) - EYFS

Intent

Discuss- what is a city?

What features do most cities have (parks, houses, rivers, etc)?

Use google earth to find different cities they may know- which features does the city have?

5. London landmarks

Sticky Knowledge

What kind of landmarks are there? (memorials, entertainment venues, royal buildings, places of worship, engineering structures and physical features) – Year1

What is an aerial photograph? (A picture taken from in the sky so you can see where features are in relation to others) – Year 1

What kind of landmarks are there? (memorials, entertainment venues, royal buildings, places of worship, engineering structures and physical features) – Year 1

Intent

Look at famous London landmarks and name them. – what are they for? What are they made from? How big are they? Would they like to go there?

6. Giving directions

Sticky Knowledge

Where in England is London? (south) – Year 1

Which river runs through London? (Thames) – Year 1

Can you name the palace in London? (Buckingham Palace) – Year 1

Intent

Recap compass directions.

Use a London map and move from landmark to landmark using compass directions.

7. Comparing capital cities

Sticky Knowledge

What are the 4 countries of the UK called? (England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland)- Year 1

What are their capital cities called? (London, Edinburgh, Cardiff, Belfast) – Year 1

Which river runs through London? (Thames) – Year 1

Intent

Look at Malaysia in Asia.

Discuss that the capital city of Malaysia is Kuala Lumpur.

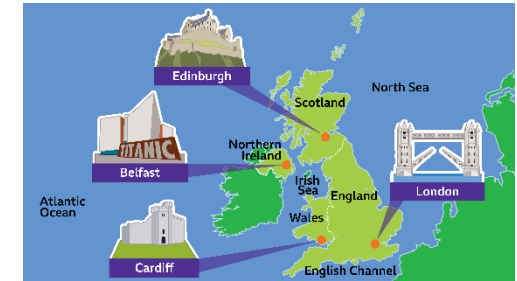
Discuss the similarities between London and Kuala Lumpur landmarks.

The 6 landmark categories:

1. Memorials
Such as; The monument to the great fire of London, cenotaph.
2. Entertainment venues
Such as; The baths Hall, The Royal Albert Hall.
3. Royal buildings
Such as; Buckingham Palace, The tower of London.
4. Places of worship
Such as; St Lawrence Church, St Paul's Cathedral.
5. Engineering structures
Such as; Humber Bridge, Tower Bridge
6. Physical features
Such as; River Humber, River Thames.

The 4 countries of the UK.

1. England – Capital city: London
2. Scotland – Capital city: Edinburgh
3. Wales – Capital city: Cardiff
4. Northern Ireland – Capital City: Belfast



Malaysia (Asia)

Capital city: Kuala Lumpur

Known for its skyscrapers like the Petronas Twin Towers.

Landmarks-

- Memorial: War memorial in Kuala Lumpur
- Entertainment venue: Zoo Negara
- Royal building: Istana Negara
- Places of worship: Thean Hou Temple
- Engineering structure: Petronas Twin Towers
- Physical Feature: Klang River, central park



Compass directions

