

Y3 Geography: the UK and our local area



Why are we learning about the UK and our local area?



We are **building on all our previous learning** about different countries within our 'Think Big!' topic (FSU); Paddington, Tin Forest and Little Gardener (Y1/2); The Fiery Earth and Frozen Planet (Y3/4).

This **new learning is important because** the UK is the land in which we live, so understanding its features gives us an insight into our society. It allows us to explore our local environment and develop our awareness and knowledge about the rest of the UK.

This **will help us get ready for future learning** about physical geography in our topic 'Planet Earth', learning more about environmental regions and physical and human characteristics of places across Europe and Land's End to John O'Groats (Y5/6). This topic also gives us the opportunity to increase our awareness of the range of jobs and opportunities available as we grow up.

Important questions to answer:



- Why is our county called Oxfordshire? What are the names and locations of other counties in the UK?
- Where are the significant British cities located?
- Which country has the longest river: England, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland?
- What are the human and physical characteristics of Britain's coasts?
- How has the land around Standlake changed over time?

Experiences we will have:



- Exploring areas using Google maps
- A school trip to White Horse Hill
- Artwork linked with local landscapes

Things we need to know:



- To know the names and locations of counties, cities and rivers in the UK
- To know the locations of geographical regions and their identifying human and physical characteristics
- To know how land-use has changed over time

Skills we need to learn:



- I can **locate** counties on a map of the UK
- I can **recall** the names and locations of key British cities
- I can **compare** characteristics of different rivers
- I can **explain** features of a British coastal region
- I can **draw** a sketch map from a high viewpoint

Subject Specific Vocabulary:



United Kingdom	city	coast
England	population	human
Northern Ireland	river	physical
Scotland	source	topographical
Wales	mouth	land-use
counties	route	scale

