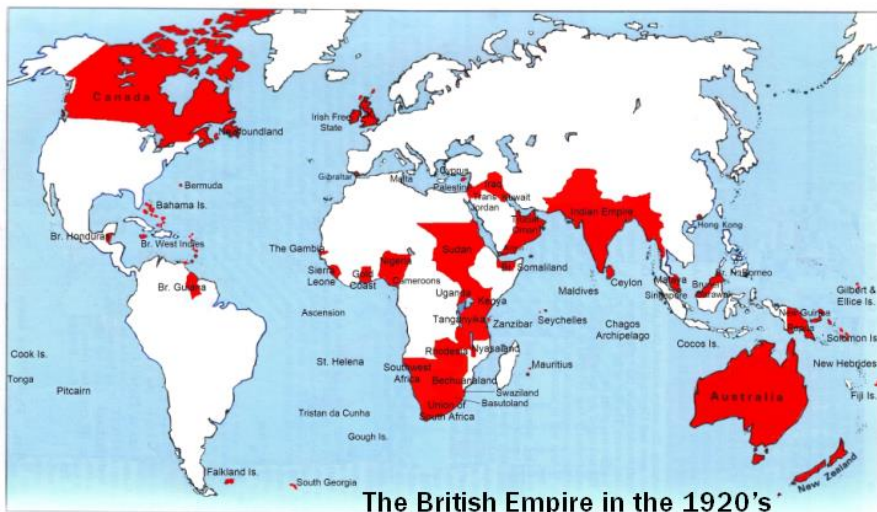


## Y5/6 History: Why is Britain still great?



## Why are we learning about properties and changes of materials?

We are **building on all our previous learning** about British history, including the Anglo-Saxons, WWII, Crime and Punishment, the Great Fire of London and Local History, as well as Geography Europe and Planet Earth.

This **new learning is important because** knowing about our past, prepares us for our future. As we learn about the reasons why Great Britain is like it is, we can learn from our mistakes and show greater tolerance to the diverse society in which we live, from knowing how it came to be.

This **will help us get ready for future learning about** the British Empire, the slave trade and more recent post-war British history in KS3.

## Important questions to answer:

- Where was the British Empire and what role did it play?
- What impact did politicians have on making Britain great?
- Are the discoveries of British explorers still important?
- How did conflicts shape Britain becoming great?
- What is Brexit and what impact will it have?
- Is Britain still considered a great country?

## Experiences we will have:

- Visit the Houses of Parliament
- Class debate: "Is Britain still great?"
- Investigate and recreate the inventions of great British inventors

## Things we need to know:

- To know where the British Empire was and the role it played socially and economically
- To know the names and impact of some British politicians in shaping Britain's past and present
- To know British explorers and what they discovered
- To know the names and outcomes of key conflicts involving Britain
- To know why, how and when the Brexit vote happened
- To know the achievements of 21st century Britain

## Skills we need to learn:

- I can explain the importance of the British Empire
- I can analyse the contribution of British politicians
- I can evaluate the importance of British explorers and their discoveries
- I can explain the causes and consequences of key conflicts
- I can analyse and debate the advantages and disadvantages of Brexit
- I can compare 21st century Britain to the time of the British Empire

## Subject Specific Vocabulary:

empire	conflict	colonies
parliament	territory	Brexit
social	independence	nationalism
economical	invention	Commonwealth
politician	decline	exploration