

Knowledge Organiser Geography Year 5 Autumn

How is Our Country Changing?



St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School
"Love one another as I have loved you"

Prior knowledge

- Locational knowledge of the UK
- Basic map reading skills
- Knowledge of human and physical geographical features
- Graph reading

Geographical knowledge and skills covered in this topic

- Children will locate countries and use maps, atlases, globes and digital mapping to describe their features
- Children will use the eight points of a compass, four and six-figure grid references, symbols and keys
- Children will use of fieldwork to observe, measure, record and present the human and physical features of the local area using a range of methods (sketch maps, plans and graphs)
- Children will name and locate countries and cities of the UK, geographical regions and their identifying features
- Children will locate, identify and know the significance of different human and physical characteristics, key topographical features and land-use patterns, and understand how some of these features have changed over time
- Children will know geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography in a region of the UK

Key words

City: a place where people live which is larger than a town

Continent: land mass defined by physical, human or cultural features

Country: a political area defined by physical, human or cultural features

County: a geographical area used for administrative purposes

GDP: Gross Domestic Product, used to measure economic growth (the total value of all the goods and services it produced over a specific length of time)

Great Britain: official name for the countries of England, Scotland and Wales (largest island in British Isles)

Human Feature: created by humans, e.g. roads, houses, canals

Industry: a group of businesses that provide a product or service

Mountain: a landform of rocks and earth rising high above the surrounding area; higher and steeper than a hill

North, South, East, West: compass points, locational vocabulary

Physical Feature: naturally occurring, e.g. rivers, mountains, lakes

Region: an area of a country or continent defined by physical, human or cultural features

River: natural watercourse, flowing towards the sea, ocean or a lake

Settlement: a place where a group of people set up home, often the first inhabitants there

The British Isles: the islands of Great Britain and Ireland (including the Republic of Ireland/Eire), and some 5,000 smaller islands off the coastline

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland: political union of England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland; the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man are not part of the UK (Crown Dependencies)

Town: a place where people live, larger than a village

Village: a place where people live, smaller than a town

Types of diagrams and images

