

Zooming In: Exploring the UK



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In this unit, we will build on our knowledge of England, Shropshire and Shrewsbury in Year 1 to take a look at the wider geography of the UK - from the physical features of mountains, rivers and seas to the man-made regions and counties. We will find out how the UK has changed over time, looking at how Shrewsbury has grown and how the population of the UK as a whole has changed throughout the course of history.

These are the key skills and knowledge you will develop through this unit:

Knowledge	<u>Locational Knowledge</u> I can locate London, Edinburgh, Cardiff, Dublin and Belfast on a map. I can locate my town and county. <u>Place Knowledge</u> I can identify similarities and differences between rural and urban environments in the UK. <u>Human and Physical Geography Knowledge</u> I can ask and answer geographical questions about the physical and human characteristics of a contrasting location to Shrewsbury in the UK e.g. Birmingham.
Skills	I can ask and answer geographical questions about the physical and human characteristics of a location. I can use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping (Google Earth) to locate countries and features already studied. I can use locational and directional language including 4 compass directions to describe the location of features on a map. I can begin to use fieldwork to observe and record the human and physical features in the local area such as taking photographs, making notes and doing sketches. I can create maps of locations identifying at least five features with a key.

These are some of the key new geographical terms that you will learn in this unit:

Vocabulary

Compass	England	Belfast
County	Scotland	
Immigration	Wales	Rural
UK	Northern Ireland	Urban
Great Britain	London	
Landmark	Edinburgh	County
Millennium	Cardiff	Population

Throughout the unit, you will learn the meaning of these words.

How can you use them throughout the unit? How can you use them in other work? What other new vocabulary have you discovered?

Reading Links

Retrieving information about places in the UK

Writing Links

Write a postcard from a place in the UK (in Topic books)

Maths Links

Direction and distance

Other Curriculum Links

MFL - Say hello in the most common languages of people moving to the UK

History - change over time