



Dunholme St Chad's Year 5 Term 2 Knowledge Organiser

Counties of the UK – What makes the United Kingdom, 'United'?

What should I already know?

- Name, locate and identify characteristics of the 4 countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas
- Identify the similarities and differences between two areas
- Use maps to identify symbols on a map – river, road, church
- Use 4 figure grid references to identify a specific location

Key vocabulary I need to know

atlas	A book of maps
co-ordinates	points that label the position of a point in relation to a given reference frame. Latitude and longitude are used together to specify the co-ordinates of a precise location on the Earth.
latitude	the invisible lines of measurement that go horizontally across the globe.
longitude	the invisible lines of measurement that go vertically across the globe.
Ordnance Survey	Ordnance Survey (OS) is the national mapping agency for Great Britain. They produce digital map data and online route planning.
key	It gives you the information needed for the map to make sense. Maps often use symbols or colours to represent things, and the map key explains what they mean.
symbol	A map symbol is a little image used to represent a real-world characteristic on a map.
compass	an instrument containing a magnetised pointer which shows the direction of magnetic north and bearings from it.
grid-reference	a map reference indicating a location in terms of a series of vertical and horizontal grid lines identified by numbers or letters.
easting	a figure or line representing an eastward distance on a map (used in grid-referencing).
northing	a figure or line representing northward distance on a map (used in grid-referencing).
counties	areas that make up a country and have their own local authority.
United Kingdom	made up of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, is an island nation in north-western Europe.

What I will know by the end of the term

- That the UK is made up of four countries: England, Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland and that these countries are further divided into 48 counties, which have their own local authority.
- The co-ordinates of a location will help you to find its location on a map.
- There are a variety of symbols used in a key on an Ordnance Survey Map, which helps the viewer identify features clearly.
- The eight compass points as: North, North-East, East, South-East, South, South-West, West, North-West.
- The co-ordinates of a map can be read correctly by going along and then up.
- Photographs and maps of the same location can be analysed to find similarities and differences between them, with reasons why often being due to technological and industrial changes.



Key facts

- England is divided into **48 counties**.
- **Ordnance Survey (OS)** is the national mapping agency for Great Britain. They produce digital map data and online route planning.
- The capital cities of the U.K. are: **London (England), Belfast (Northern Ireland), Edinburgh (Scotland) and Cardiff (Wales)**.