



Aspire Curriculum Knowledge Organiser

What a Wonderful World

Year 3

Autumn



What? Key Knowledge Takeaways

To know:

- The 4 UK countries (England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales) and their capital cities.
- The waters that surround the UK are the: North Sea, Irish Sea, Celtic Sea, North Atlantic Ocean, English Channel.
- That Snowdonia is a mountain range in Wales within the county of Gwynedd.
- That Wales has a population of around 3,315,000; there are 6 official cities (Bangor, Cardiff, Newport, St Asaph, St Davids and Swansea); the main economic activity is tourism and public services, previously coal and slate mining.
- The different features of a river's journey are: source, tributary, flood plain, meander, ox bow lake, delta and mouth.
- There are 3 stages to a river and they are Upper, Middle and Lower Courses.
- The River Severn's source is in Plynlimon (Cambrian Mountains) and its mouth leads to the Bristol Channel.

To use the following skills:

- Read maps (including digital) to locate countries and cities of the UK as well as a counties surrounding their local area.
- Use and identify the four compass points
- Identify, understand and use specific features/symbols from given four figure grid references.

Where? Famous Places

The United Kingdom	Also known as the British Isles and Great Britain, the United Kingdom is made up of the four countries of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.
Staffordshire, Warwickshire, Worcestershire, Herefordshire, Shropshire	The counties surrounding the West Midlands.
London	The capital city of England.
Cardiff	The capital city of Wales.
Edinburgh	The capital city of Scotland.
Belfast	The capital city of Northern Ireland.
Snowdon	The tallest mountain in Wales.
The River Severn	The River Severn is the longest river in Great Britain. It flows through Wales and England.

Key Vocabulary

Definition

Physical	Physical features are natural objects such as rivers and mountains.
Human	Human features are things that are built by humans such as bridges and roads.
Culture	This is the shared behaviour by a group of people which includes things like food, language, clothing, music and art.
Grid References	These allow someone to mark a place on a map by referring to vertical and horizontal lines.
Compass	A compass is a tool for finding direction with 4 main points, North, East, South and West.
Topography	Study of the earth's surface. Includes changes in the surface such as mountains and valleys as well as features such as rivers and roads.