

# Our Country

## Geography

What have I already learnt?

In Reception children learn about houses and homes and where they live.

In Autumn children have learnt they live in Woking and that Woking is a town in England. They have also learnt that England is part of the UK and that they live and go to school in the UK.

Key facts

The UK is made up of the island of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

It is surrounded by the English Channel, the North Sea, The Irish Sea and the north Atlantic Ocean.

England is the largest Country in the UK. London is the capital city.

Scotland is a country in the north of the UK. Edinburgh is the capital city.

Wales is a mountainous country in the west of the UK. Cardiff is the capital city.

Norther Ireland is the smallest country in the UK. Belfast is the capital city.



Type of geography

Children learn about the physical geography of the UK. They learn about mountains, rivers and the coast line. They learn that Ben Nevis is the largest mountain in the UK and that the Giant’s Causeway is in Northern Ireland.

Children learn about the human features of the UK. They learn about famous landmarks including the houses of Parliament , Buckingham Palace and Big Ben in London.

### Key vocabulary

island	An area of land surrounded by water.
capital city	A city or town where the government sits. <b>London, Edinburgh, Belfast, Cardiff</b>
United Kingdom	The United kingdom includes England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales.
country	An area of land with its own government, rules and borders.
land	Dry land where we live.
sea	Salt water that surrounds the United Kingdom.
town	A town is a place where people live and work. It is bigger than a village but smaller than a city.
countryside	Land that is not in towns or cities.

Did you know?

Wales has its own language (Welsh). Not everyone there can speak it though!

The Queen lives in Buckingham Palace in London.

London is a very popular tourist destination. People visit from all around the world.

# Wonderful Weather

## Geography

What have I already learnt?

In Reception children have experienced all types of weather first hand. They talk about the weather every day and the changes in it.

Throughout the year children have learnt about the different seasons and what happens during them.

This topic links to our Science topics of seasonal changes.

Key facts

Countries around the world have different climates.

Countries near the equator have hotter climates and the Arctic and Antarctic have much colder climates.

In a weather forecast, symbols are used to show what the weather will be like in a particular area.

There are changes in weather in each season.

In some places around the world, the weather can be extreme and this can be dangerous.

The weather in the United Kingdom can change from day to day. The four seasons have particular weather patterns.

Maps/Diagrams

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Type of geography

Weather is physical geography. The weather affects what we do and what we wear. If it is rainy, we wear waterproof clothes when we go outside. If it is hot, we need to wear sun cream and a sun hat.

Key vocabulary

season	One of the four parts of the year that each have their own typical weather.
Spring	The season between winter and summer.
Summer	The season between spring and autumn. In summer the weather is usually warm or hot.
Autumn	The season between summer and winter when the weather becomes cooler and the leaves fall off the trees.
Winter	The season between autumn and spring. In the winter the weather is usually cold.
temperature	How hot or cold something is.
weather	The temperature or conditions outside. For example if it is wet, hot or windy.
climate	The usual weather conditions of an area.

Did you know?

Different instruments can be used to measure and record the weather.

weather vane   thermometer   rain gauge   barometer

# Wonderful Woking: Our Local Area

## Geography

What have I already learnt?

In EYFS the children are encouraged to talk about their local environment and where they live.

Children have been on local area walks to the park, library and church.

They have had experience of drawing maps of their immediate environment and from imaginary story settings.

Key facts

Woking is in the United Kingdom.

Woking is a town in South East England.

We live in Woking and we go to school in Woking.

Our School is Maybury Primary school.

Buildings in the local area can be used for lots of different things including offices, shops, cafes, schools, railway stations and swimming pools.

Maps use symbols instead of words so that you can find things quickly.

There are all different types of maps including world maps, country maps, town maps, street maps and even building maps.

Maps/Diagrams

Map showing the position of Woking within the United Kingdom

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Woking town centre

Type of geography

Studying our local area is both physical and human geography.

We will learn about the people, physical features and places in Woking.

Key vocabulary

map	A specially drawn picture of a place from above.
symbol	A picture that represents a word or group of words. They are used on maps to make things clear and easy
house	A building that people live in
fieldwork	Working outside to collect information.
local area	Your village, town or the part of the city where you live.
world	The Earth together with all of its countries and people.
address	The place where someone lives or where a business is found.
aerial view	What somewhere would look like from above, looking down.
distance	How far away something is.

Did you know?

There are lots of different houses in our local area.

detached      semi-detached      terraced      flats      bungalow