

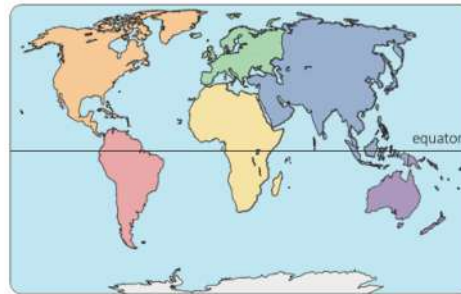
Year 3 Autumn 2: Our Planet, Our World

Subject Specific Vocabulary

climate	The usual weather conditions of a place.
country	Land that is controlled by one government.
human features	A feature that has been made by humans, such as a shop, road and school
physical features	A feature that has formed naturally, such as a mountain, lake and river.
population	The people who live in an area.
capital city	The city where the government of a country, state, or province is located.
Rural areas	Area of land in the countryside. Population is small.
Urban area	Area of land near a city. Population is high.

Using Maps

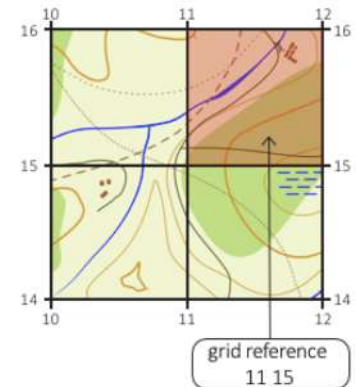
Maps, atlases and globes show the continents and countries of the world. Maps show the shape and size of each country as well as its borders and distance from the equator. Most countries have a capital city, which is their most important city.



Four Figure Grid Reference

Four-figure grid references are used to locate a grid square on a map. To find a four-figure grid reference, you follow the horizontal axis, called the easting, from west to east, and then the vertical axis, called the northing, from south to north, until they meet at the bottom left-hand corner of the square you want to reference.

The easting followed by the northing makes a four-figure grid reference.



Physical and Human Features

Physical features are natural and include cliffs, mountains and beaches. Human features have been made by people and include houses, bridges and roads. There are many physical and human features in the United Kingdom. These features can be broken down further for example physical features can be sorted into water and non-water features or the human features into transport-related and non-transport-related features.

Physical Features

Water



Waterfall

Non-Water



Forest

Human Features

Transport



Roads

Non-transport



Shop

Land Use

Land can be used in multiple ways

There are five main types of land use. These are:

Agricultural land

Land used for farming.



Commercial land

Land used for shops and businesses.



Recreational land

Land used for leisure activities.



Residential land

Land used for housing.

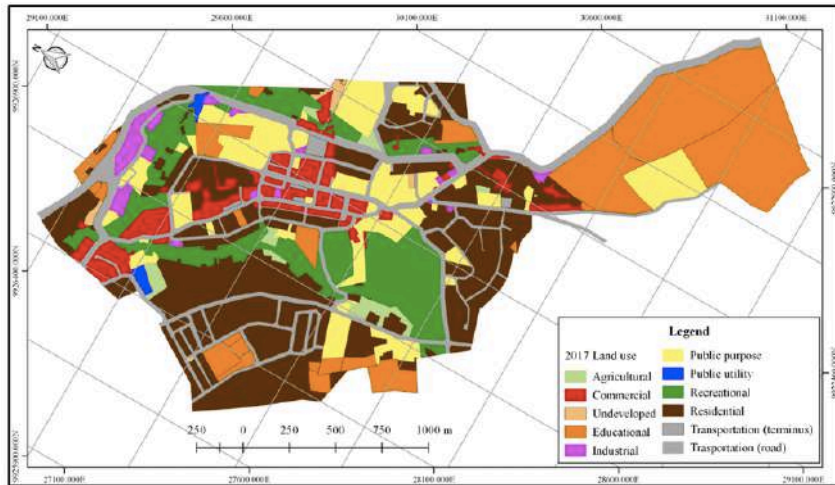


Transportation

Roads, train stations and airports.



Colour coded maps can show land use patterns of the local area.



Cities of the UK

The United Kingdom is made up of four countries. England, Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland. There are a number of larger and smaller cities that are significant:

Edinburgh

Edinburgh is the capital city of Scotland. It is home to around 500,000 people. The major river is the Water of Leith. One famous landmark is Edinburgh Castle.



Belfast

Belfast is the capital city of Northern Ireland. It is home to around 300,000 people. Belfast Lough, a narrow strip of water that extends inland from the sea connects Belfast to the Irish Sea. The RMS Titanic was built in Belfast.



St Davids

St Davids is a city in Wales and is home to around 1,600 people, making it the city with the smallest population in the United Kingdom.



Birmingham

Birmingham is a city in England and is home to over one million people. It is the second largest city in the United Kingdom after the capital, London.

