







United Kingdom and Europe

United Kingdom		
Country	Flag	Capital City
England		London
Scotland		Edinburgh
Wales		Cardiff
Northern Ireland		Belfast

In this unit the children will:

- learn which countries form the United Kingdom, as well as their capital cities
- research landmarks across the United Kingdom
- learn about countries within Europe
- discuss cultural similarities and differences between these countries

Geography Skills and Concepts

- Locational knowledge: To locate countries in Europe using maps.
- Place knowledge: To understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a place.

There are forty-four European countries – here are some of their flags.





Key Facts

- Europe is the second smallest continent on Earth.
- It is the third most populated continent on Earth.
- There are forty-four European countries; twenty-seven of these belong to the European Union.
- Many, but not all, countries in Europe use the Euro as their currency.

Continents of the world

- Europe is one of the world's seven continents; the other continents are Asia, Africa, North America, South America, Antarctica and Australasia.



Key Vocabulary

- **Capital city:** A city where a region's government is located; this is where government buildings are and where government leaders work.
- **City:** A large settlement (larger than a town); cities usually have a population of over 100,000 people. Cities are also home to a wealth of shops and services such as schools, universities, hospitals, offices and often a cathedral.
- **Continent:** A continent is a large solid area of land – the Earth has seven continents.
- **Country:** Land that is controlled by a single government - countries can also be called nations or states.
- **Human Features:** Features of a place that are a result of human activity, such as shops, farms, homes and roads.
- **Ocean:** A huge body of salt water; oceans cover nearly 71% of Earth's surface.
- **Landmark:** An important object or a feature of a landscape that makes a place easily recognisable.
- **Map:** A drawing of the Earth's surface; maps show features such as roads, rivers, lakes and buildings.
- **Physical Features:** Natural features of a place, such as mountains, rivers and seas.
- **Population:** The number of people living in a certain place.
- **River:** A moving body of water.