Year 3



Knowledge Organiser: Geography THE UK

Inquiry Question: Houses or habitats?

Key Vocabulary						
settlement	valley	mountain	community	vegetation	weathering	
landscape	soil	erosion	relief map	coastal	port	
political map	inland	harbour	cliff	county	factory	
ocean	lake	office	fieldwork	transport (to carry)	industry	
sketch	diagram	compass	North East	South West	North West	
South East	weather	urban	population	remote	commute	
distribution (resources/ population)	enviroment	glacier	economy	border	boundary	
biodiversity	habitat	landscape	county	region	boundary	

In Year 2, you learnt:

- 7 continents and 5 oceans
- the equator is hot and the poles are cold
- the UK is different to other parts of Europe
- human and physical features of Hertfordshire



Key Learning

- England has 27 counties.
- Scotland has 32 Council Areas which are grouped into 12 regions.
- Wales has 22 counties.
- Northern Ireland has 6 counties
- County boundaries and names have changed lots over history for political and economic reasons.
- The UK has lots of different terrains and landscapes including mountains, coastal areas, moorland, mudflats, hills, lakes and rivers.
- The landscape in the North of the UK is more rugged than in the South. This is because of where glacial ice formed over 12,000 years ago.
- The landscape of the UK has changed over time as human features have replaced natural ones.
- The UK is losing its biodiversity as habitats are being destroyed¹
- 4 figure grid references
- How to identify topographical features on a map: lake, river, mountain, valley, road etc.

¹ https://www.countryfile.com/wildlife/10-of-the-most-endangered-animal-species-in-britain/