



### Background information

- The United Kingdom comprises the whole of the island of Great Britain which contains England, Wales and Scotland as well as the northern portion of the island of Ireland.
  - The name Britain is sometimes used to refer to the United Kingdom as a whole.
- The capital is London which is among the world's leading commercial, financial and cultural centres.
- Other major cities include Birmingham, Liverpool and Manchester in England, Belfast and Londonderry in Northern Ireland and Edinburgh, Glasgow in Scotland and Swansea and Cardiff in Wales.
  - There are 48 counties in England, 33 in Scotland, 13 in Wales and 6 in Northern Ireland
    - The longest river in the UK is the River Severn which is 220 miles in length.
- Other major rivers include the Thames which flows through Oxford and London and the Trent and Mersey rivers which drain rainfall from large areas of central England
- The UK is bordered by four seas – The English Channel, the North Sea, the Irish Sea and the Atlantic Ocean.

### Knowledge and Understanding

In this unit pupils will learn...

- To name and locate counties, town and cities of the United Kingdom, geographical regions and their identifying human and physical features.
- To learn about the seas, coasts and major rivers of the United Kingdom

### Enquiry skills and Key concepts

- Use evidence to draw conclusions, pose questions and use prior knowledge of map reading.
- Research and describe human and physical geography
- Present findings in a range of creative, cross-curricular ways
- Use maps, atlases and globes to locate countries and describe features studied

### Key Vocabulary:

Beach  
Coast  
Coastline  
Cliffs  
Headland  
River  
Source  
Tributary  
Meander  
Mouth  
Fresh water  
Village  
Town  
City  
Direction  
Location