



How is our country changing?

Knowing More, Remembering More

Remembering previous learning:

What country of the UK do we live in? We live in England

Where in England do we live? We live in the south-east of England

What human and physical geographical elements there are in my local area and the UK? Parks, the river Thames, The Dartford bridge, Bluewater shopping centre, beaches on the Kent coast, Shops and houses.

Where is the mouth of the River Thames? The Thames Estuary.

In this unit children will...

- name and locate countries and cities of the UK, geographical regions and their identifying human and physical characteristics, key topographical features (including hills, mountains, coasts and rivers), and land-use patterns; and understand how some of these aspects have changed over time
- understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region of the UK
- use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features
- use the eight points of a compass, four- and six-figure grid references, symbols and key (including the use of OS maps) to build their knowledge of the UK and the wider world
- use fieldwork to observe, measure, record and present the human and physical features in the local area using a range of methods, including sketch maps, plans and graphs and digital technologies.

Key Learning Steps:

1. What are the key features of the UK?
2. How did the 2012 Olympics change East London?
3. How did the Second World War change the West Midlands?
4. How is our local area changing?
5. How might our local area change in the future?
6. How has our area changed from the past and how might it change in the future?

Key Vocabulary:

borough	development	past
British Isles	enquiry	human features
canals	future	physical features
cathedral	Great Britain	present
city	houses	regeneration
compass points	human features -	region
continent	roads	sustainability
country	legacy	UK
county	local area	
	locational language	

Key Geographers and Inspirational People:



David Harvey



Lord Sebastian Coe



Sir Winston Churchill



Eva Taylor

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Knowing more in Y5

What is the UK? The United Kingdom is a collection of countries in West Europe, and it consists of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

What are key topographical features of the UK? Scafell Pike, Slieve Donard, Ben Nevis, Snowdon, River Thames, River Bann, River Tay, River Teifi

Where do we live within the UK? We live in Dartford in Kent, this is to the south-east of London and is in the south east of England.

What are the advantages and disadvantages of the changes that occurred in East London for the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games?

Advantages - Increase in tourism, increase in UK's global trade and stature, a sense of national pride. Disadvantages - Financial drain on the UK, expensive buildings (will they be used afterwards?) negative effect on local community.

How did the Second World War change the West Midlands region? Before the war, the west midlands had a huge metal working industry, making cars, bikes, aeroplane engines and munitions. These were purposely bombed on 14th November 1940.

How is our local area changing? Mass development, expansion of local amenities, destruction of green spaces.