


# Key Stage 1: Geography

## Title of Topic: What is the weather like in the UK?

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National Curriculum: Geography	Equipment and Resources	Key Questions	Vocabulary
<p>Pupils should develop knowledge about the world, the United Kingdom and their locality. They should understand basic subject-specific vocabulary relating to human and physical geography and begin to use geographical skills, including first-hand observation, to enhance their locational awareness.</p> <p><b>Human and Physical Geography</b> Use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key physical features, including: beach, cliff, coast, forest, hill, mountain, sea, ocean, river, soil, valley, vegetation, season and weather.</li> <li>• Key human features, including: city, town, village, factory, farm, house, office, port, harbour and shop.</li> </ul> <p><b>Place knowledge</b> Understand geographical similarities and differences through studying the human and physical geography of a small area of the United Kingdom.</p> <p><b>Geographical skills and fieldwork</b> Use simple compass directions (North, South, East and West) and locational and directional language. Use aerial photographs and plan perspectives to recognise landmarks and basic human and physical features.</p>	<div> </div> <div> <p>Google Maps/ Atlases</p> </div> <div> </div> <div> <p>The International Space Station</p> </div> <div> </div> <div> <p>Compass</p> </div> <div> </div> <div> <p>Globe</p> </div> <div> </div> <div> <p>Aerial Photographs</p> </div>	<div> <p>Seasons</p> </div> <div> <p>What are the four seasons?</p> </div> <div> <p>Is the weather the same everywhere in the UK?</p> </div> <div> <p>Weather symbols</p> </div> <div> <p>Map of the UK</p> </div> <div> <p>Where is the UK?</p> </div>	<p><b>Continent</b> A large land mass.  <b>Country</b> A land or nation with its own government.  <b>Autumn</b> The season after summer, before winter.  <b>Climate</b> The long-term weather conditions in a specific region.  <b>Spring</b> The season after winter, before summer.  <b>Summer</b> The season after spring, before autumn.  <b>Winter</b> The season after autumn, before spring  <b>East</b> A compass direction, usually on the right of a compass.  <b>North</b> A compass direction, usually at the top of a compass.  <b>South</b> A compass direction, usually at the bottom of a compass.  <b>West</b> A compass direction, usually on the left of a compass.  <b>Rain gauge</b> An instrument that measures the volume of rain in a given amount of time.  <b>Shadow</b> A dark area caused by something blocking the light.  <b>Symbol</b> A mark that represents a feature on a map.  <b>Thermometer</b> An instrument for measuring temperature.  <b>Temperature</b> A measure of how hot or cold something or somewhere is.  <b>Weather vane</b> An instrument which shows the direction of the wind.  <b>Atlas</b> A book of maps.  <b>Capital</b> city A city where the country's government is located.  <b>Compass</b> An instrument with a pointer showing the direction of magnetic north.  <b>Direction</b> An imaginary line showing the way someone or something is moving.  <b>Locate</b> To discover the position of something.  <b>Location</b> A particular place or position.  <b>Map</b> A picture of a place, drawn from above.  <b>Season</b> One of four parts of a year, marked by the weather conditions.  <b>Weather</b> Short-term conditions in a particular place.  <b>Weather forecast</b> A map showing the weather in different places.</p>

**Key Learning:**

1 	<b>Where is the UK?</b> Locating the UK and identifying its four countries on a map.  <b>Learning:</b> To locate the four countries of the UK.
2	<b>What are the four seasons?</b> Identifying the seasons in the UK and carrying out fieldwork to investigate seasonal changes in the school grounds.  <b>Learning:</b> To identify seasonal changes in the UK.
3	<b>What are the compass directions?</b> Identifying the four compass directions and using them to describe the location of landmarks.  <b>Learning:</b> To identify the four compass directions.
4	<b>What is the weather like today?</b> Observing daily weather patterns by investigating weather in the school grounds.  <b>Learning:</b> To investigate daily weather patterns.
5	<b>Is the weather the same everywhere in the UK?</b> Learning to locate the four capital cities of countries in the UK and describing the weather in each location.  <b>Learning:</b> To identify daily weather patterns in the UK.
6	<b>How do people prepare for the weather?</b> Learning about how the weather changes and suggesting the clothing and activities people might do in each season.  <b>Learning:</b> To understand how the weather changes with each season.