

## Ages 8-9

(A) Map work (**local area**) and locational knowledge (UK)

(B) Physical geography: **Weather and Climate (meteorological processes)**

(A) Map work (**local area**) and locational knowledge

(i) Mapping the local area

use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of the area:

- identify landmarks and basic features; devise a simple map; use and construct basic symbols in a key

(ii) Study of the UK

1. Draw a map identifying the four main areas of the United Kingdom (England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland)

Mark on your map the

**main cities** (e.g Belfast, Birmingham, Bristol, Cardiff, Dublin, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Leeds, Liverpool, London, Manchester, Newcastle, Plymouth, Southampton)

**main rivers** (Severn, Thames, Trent, Clyde, Shannon, Mersey, Tyne)

**mountainous areas** (Grampians, Lake District, Pennines, Snowdonia )

**Islands** (Anglesey, Jersey, Guernsey, Isle of Man, Orkneys, Shetlands, Isle of Wight)

**surrounding seas** (English Channel, Irish Sea, North Sea)

2. Study the difference between the terms Britain, Great Britain and United Kingdom

Draw smaller maps showing each of these areas separately and label them, giving eras of dates when the terms came to be used (Britain from Britannia in Roman times, Great Britain from the time of the Union with Scotland, 1603; United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland from the 1801; United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from 1922 to now.

3. Look more closely at the four areas, England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland – their capital cities, their notable features or customs, their patron saints etc.

4. Study the development of the Union Jack Flag. From which flags is it made up, and when was each added to create the flag we have today? Draw each of the separate flags then show how they have been combined. Which of the four main areas is not represented on the flag, and why?

(B) **Physical geography: Weather and Climate (meteorological processes)**

Study

the difference between weather and climate

the water cycle

types of rainfall

weather patterns

seasons

sun, air pressure, wind

clouds, rain

snow, storms