Slinfold CE Primary School and Pre-School – Geography

Topic: Counties and Cities of the UK	Strand: Locational Knowledge / Human and Physical Geography

What should I already know?

- The **town** I live in is called Haywards Heath, which is in West Sussex. There are **villages** and **towns** in West Sussex, some of which are **coastal**.
- West Sussex is in England, which is a **country**. England, which is in the United Kingdom, is in the **continent** of Europe.
- The capital **cities** of the four **countries** that make up the United Kingdom and their characteristics.
- The surrounding seas of the United Kingdom.
- The terms **urban** and **rural** and use them to describe areas of the UK.
- How to locate places using four figure grid references.
- How to identify features such as hills, mountains, coasts and rivers on a map.

Geographical Skills and Fieldwork

- Use aerial photographs to compare land use in Sussex and land use in London or another major **city.** Create a key using symbols to show what different features are.
- Study Ordnance Survey **topographical** maps to plot land use patterns and features of **counties** of the UK.
- Research how the **population** of Sussex has changed over time. Present this in a graph. Compare this to a similar graph showing the **population** of London.
- Compare **urban** and **rural** areas using six-figure grid references.
- Compare different sources for **population** numbers. Which is the most reliable? Why is it hard to measure **population?**
- Use the National Grid to identify where different **counties** are using six-figure grid references.

Characteristics of the UK

Landmarks

Canterbury Cathedral

Stonehenge

Angel of the North

Clifton Suspension Bridge

Roman Baths

Edinburgh Castle

Physical Features

River Severn

Ben Nevis

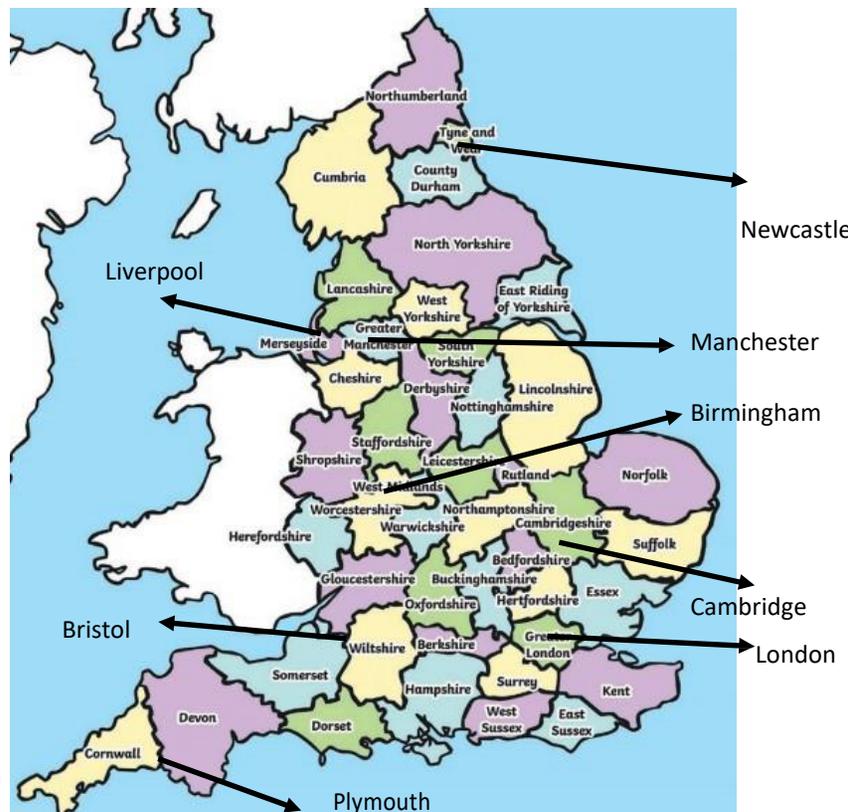Lake District

White Cliffs of Dover

Land's End

The Needles

Largest **cities** of the UK (by **population**)*	
City Region	Approximate **population**
Greater London	8,674,000
West Midlands	2,834,000
Greater	2,756,000
West Yorkshire	2,282,000
North East	1,957,000
Glasgow	1,804,000
Liverpool	1,525,000
Cardiff	1,505,000
Sheffield	1,375,000
Edinburgh	1,350,000

*Office for National Statistics - **Population** Dynamics of UK **City** Regions

Newcastle
Liverpool
Manchester
Birmingham
Cambridge
Bristol
London
Plymouth

Vocabulary

cartographer	somebody who draws and produces maps
city	a large **town**. London is a **city**.
coastal	an area of land close to the sea
compass points	any of the main points of a compass: north, south, east, west, north-east, north-west, south-east, south-west
country	an area of land that is controlled by its own government.
county	a region of Britain or Ireland which has its own local government
human features	features of land that have been impacted by human activity
landmark	a building or feature which is easily recognised
landscape	everything you can see when you look across an area of land, including hills, rivers, buildings, trees and plants.
physical features	natural features of land
population	all the people who live in a country or area
rural	places that are far away from large towns or cities
topographical	the **physical features** of an area of land, for example its hills, valleys, and rivers
urban	belonging to, or relating to, a town or city

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