

Canonbury Home Learning  
**Year 2/3 Geography skills**

Big Question: What and where are the key places beyond our own locality?

LO: To name and locate countries and cities of the UK and Europe

**RECAP:** Think about famous places you have visited in and around London.



If you can, start by watching these clips about maps and the United Kingdom:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zyhp34j/articles/z4v3jhw>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zvsfr82/articles/znm7vk7>

A **country** is a large area where a large group of people decide their own laws, leaders, language and customs.

In the UK a **city** is a town that has a **cathedral** (special, big church), at least **300,000 people**, and important **government** work going on.

A **capital city** is chosen by the people of the country to be the place where the government does most of the work to look after the country. Usually the leaders need to live and work there most of the time. Each country has just **one capital city**.

**Task 1: UK** Look at the map of our country, the **United Kingdom**- which is actually **one nation** made from a group of **four small countries** that are very close together.

-Make a colour key so you can shade the countries in different colours.

-Mark on the **capital cities** of each country.

-Name the seas that surround the **UK**.

-Mark on any interesting places that you have visited or know about (holidays, visiting friends or relatives etc.)



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Blank map of United Kingdom



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Task 2 : Europe

(Extra challenge- you can choose whether you want to do this)

You can choose all of Europe or concentrate on one country you are interested in- if you do this you will need to find your own image of the map.

-Make a colour key on the blank map, so you can shade the countries in different colours.

-Mark on the **capital cities** of each country.

-Name the seas that surround the country/countries.

-Mark on any interesting places that you have visited or know about (holidays, visiting friends or relatives etc.)



If you wish to, you can write some information about a place you have visited on the map that is special- maybe you have had lovely holidays in that place or it is where people in your family live or come from.



Blank Map of Europe

