

Topic: Location, Location, Location

Year: 3

Term: Autumn 1

Background Information

- Know what countries make up the UK.
- Can locate the countries of the UK on a map.

Diagrams / Timelines / Photos



A map showing the waterways in The Fens.




Interesting facts

- The Fens, which are also known as the Fenlands, are a coastal area in eastern England.
- The Fens are part of Cambridgeshire, Norfolk and Lincolnshire.
- Lincolnshire is a large county in eastern England, with a long coastline on the North Sea.
- The Fens are very flat compared with the land that surrounds them, and most is below sea level.
- Without constant drainage and flood protection, the Fens would be liable to flooding. The drainage used to be done via windmills but there are now large pumping stations keeping the water levels at manageable levels.
- The Fens is the beating heart of British food and farming. Although it covers less than 4% of England's farmed area, the Fens produces more than 7% of England's crops.
- The Fenland used to cover a much larger space, but the land has been drained during different periods of history. The Fenland is now much smaller, and much of it is run by nature reserves for conservation purposes.
- As the land has changed over the centuries, the people living here have had to adapt their way of life and how they earn a living—from Monasteries and fishing to growing and harvesting crops.

Know how to / Activity

- To use an atlas to locate Lincolnshire.
- Research some of the wildlife that are native to the Fens. Draw or paint a picture of them.

Key Vocabulary

Coast	The piece of land that runs alongside the sea.
County	A territorial division of a country, administered by a local council.
Country	A nation with its own government, occupying a particular territory.
Lincolnshire 	A county in the East Midlands of England, with a long coastline on the North Sea to the east.
United Kingdom	The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, commonly known as the United Kingdom (UK or U.K.) or Britain, is a sovereign country located off the north-western coast of the European mainland. The United Kingdom includes the island of Great Britain, the north-eastern part of the island of Ireland, and many smaller islands.
The Wash	A rectangular bay and estuary at the north-west corner of East Anglia on the East coast of England, where Norfolk meets Lincolnshire, and both border the North Sea. One of the broadest estuaries in the United Kingdom, it is fed by the rivers Witham, Welland, Nene and Great Ouse.
Settlement	These are all the different places where people live.
Rural Land	An open patch of land, usually used for farming, few homes and other buildings are in this area.
Urban Land	This is land that is mainly used for housing, and buildings.
Agriculture	The practice of farming, including the cultivation of the soil for growing crops.