



The Mead Infant and Nursery School – Geography



London Knowledge Organiser – Year 2

What should I already know?

- I go to the Mead Infant and Nursery School.
- The Mead Infant and Nursery School is in Stoneleigh.
- Stoneleigh is a **suburb** of London, which is the **capital city** of England and the UK.
- I can find London and the UK on a **map** or **globe**.

What will I know by the end of Year 2?

- London is the **capital city** of England and the UK.
- London has many famous streets and **landmarks** including Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament, Buckingham Palace, Downing Street, The London Eye, The Mall, Oxford Street, Pudding Lane, The Shard, St Paul’s Cathedral, The Tower of London, Tower Bridge and Trafalgar Square.
- London has many different forms of **transport** including overground trains, underground trains, buses, bicycles, cars and taxis, walking and boats.
- London is so large it affects the weather and has its own ‘micro-**climate**’.
- First founded by the Romans, London has a long history and is located where it is because of the importance of the **River Thames** to **trade**.
- How to create a simple map of London landmarks using symbols in a key.
- How to describe the location of features and routes on a map.

Did you Know?

- The River Thames is 215 miles long and it is the second longest river in England.
- In 1858 the river smelt so bad that it was called the ‘Great Stink’.
- Big Ben is the name of the bell not the tower!



Key Questions
What is it?
Where is it?
Why is it there?
What is it like?



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See also: separate history knowledge organiser on The Great Fire of London (1666).

Key Vocabulary

capital city	The city where the government in charge of a country sits.
climate	The usual weather.
compass	An instrument that shows the direction of north.
human geography	How features of the land affect human activity and how human activity affects the land.
landmark	A man-made or natural feature that is important and/or is easy to see and can help a person find their way.
physical geography	Natural features of the Earth including climate.
river	A large natural stream of water.
suburb	An area near the edge of a city.
trade	To give something in exchange for something else.
transport	How people move themselves and their goods around.

Geographical Skills and Fieldwork

Describe the location of features and routes on a map using simple compass directions (north, south, east and west) and locational and directional language (e.g. near and far, left and right).

Devise a simple map and use and construct basic symbols in a key.

