

London - Why is London our capital city?

245 million
Dinosaurs

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Jesus

1066
Battle of Hastings

1666
Great fire of London

2000
New millennium

2022
King Charles III

2023
Present

Overview

The **United Kingdom** is in **Europe** and has four countries within it, England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

London is the capital city of **England**.

London is a large city with many famous **human features** such as the Houses of Parliament with Big Ben, Buckingham Palace, the Tower of London and St Pauls' cathedral.

London is a large city with many famous **physical features** such as the **River Thames**.

London is 607 square miles in size and has a **population** of 9,648,000 with people of many different religions, beliefs and backgrounds living and working there.

King Charles III's official residence is in **London** and is called Buckingham Palace.

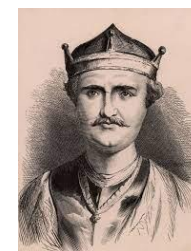
The **Government** works from **London** in the Houses of Parliament.

London became the capital city after the Battle of Hastings was won by William the Conqueror in 1066.

Key Vocabulary

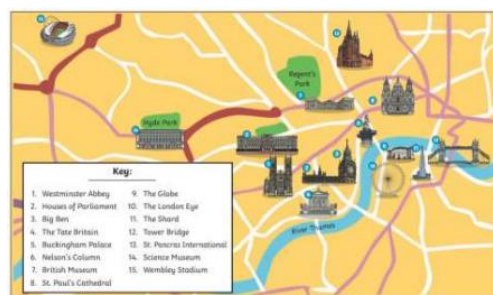
United kingdom	Made up of four countries; England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.
Capital city	A large city, usually where the government operates from. London is the capital city of England.
Government	The group of people that make the laws in the country. Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak is the Leader of the Government.
Human features	Which have been made by man.
Physical features	That are naturally made.
Population	All the people that live in a place.
River Thames	The river that runs through the middle of London.
Aerial map	A map looking down from above.

Key People



William the Conqueror Sir Christopher Wren Queen Elizabeth II King Charles III Rishi Sunak

Resources we use



Links to other learning

Science:

materials – wood – metal – glass – brick – rock - paper – cardboard - bending – stretching – squashing – twisting – pulling - pushing – heat – hot – cold – temperature – seasons

Art:

Portraits – self-portraits – painting – sketching – modelling - collage

Where is London?

When did London become the capital city?

Key Questions

Why is London our capital city?

What key features are in London?