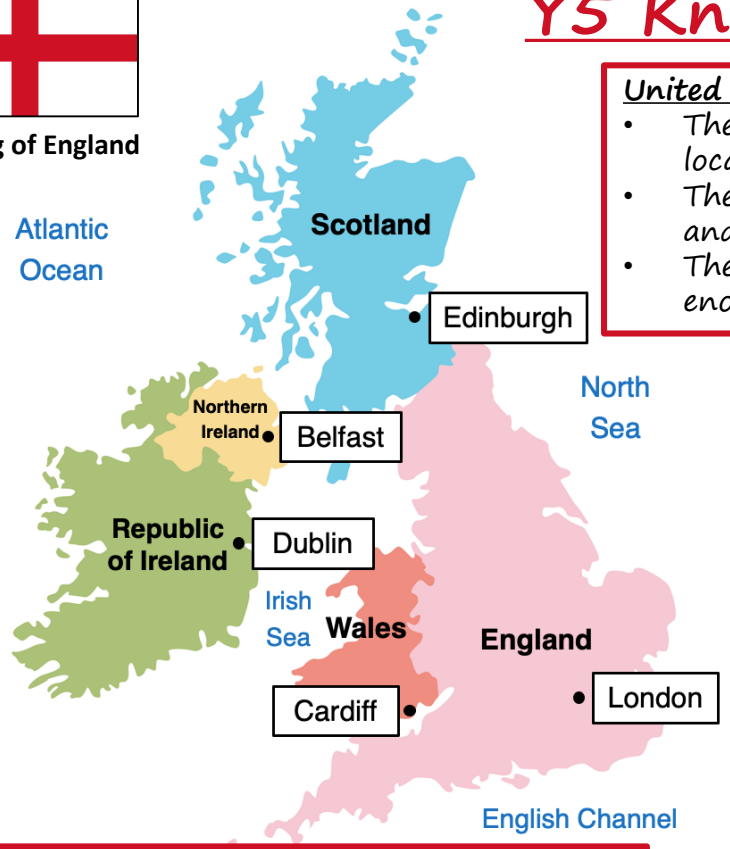
Y5 Knowledge Organiser – London Calling!

The flag of England



United Kingdom

- The United Kingdom, also known as the UK, is a country located in Europe.
- The UK includes the countries England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.
- The coastline of the UK is over 12,000 km long – long enough to reach the centre of the Earth and back!

England

- England is the largest of the four countries within the UK.
- The highest mountain in England is Scafell Pike (977m).
- The longest river in England is the River Thames (346 km).
- The largest lake in England is Lake Windermere.
- England has a population of 53.5 million people.

London

- The capital city of the UK and England is London.
- London is the largest city in the UK.
- 100 years ago, London was the biggest city in the world.
- It was founded by the Romans and The River Thames runs through it.
- Landmarks include Big Ben, Houses of Parliament and Buckingham Palace.

The Houses of Parliament

The River Thames

HISTORY LINK – THE BLITZ!

The Blitz was a bombing campaign led by Germany against the United Kingdom during the Second World War. It lasted for eight months, from 7 September 1940 to 16 May 1941. During this time much of London was destroyed and many lives were lost. The underground was used as shelter to keep people safe during attacks.

Propaganda poster

The underground, London, during the war

Key Vocabulary	Definition
County	Areas that countries or states are divided into.
U.K.	The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
Great Britain	England, Scotland and Wales.
Agriculture	Another word for farming. The growing and harvesting of crops and/or breeding animals.
Rural	Countryside or farmland.
Urban	Towns and cities.
Propaganda	Political posters used to encourage action through the use of encouraging language and pictures
BLITZ	A series of Bombs dropped on London during the 2nd World War.