Wales and Northern Ireland

- **Wales:** identify cultural symbols, famous people and cultural differences. For example: Welsh language, rugby, Dylan Thomas, St. David's Day, Eisteddfod festival of literature and music, Welsh folk songs
- **Ireland:** identify cultural symbols, famous people and cultural differences. For example: Irish Gaelic, St. Patrick's Day, shamrock, leprechaun, James Joyce, Gaelic football

England and Scotland

- **England:** identify cultural symbols, famous people and cultural differences. For example: St. George's Day, the Tower of London, Windsor Castle, Anglo-Saxons, football, Stratford-upon-Avon, Shakespeare, Chaucer
- **Scotland:** identify cultural symbols, famous people and cultural differences. For example: Loch Ness, Ben Nevis, Scottish Gaelic, tartan, kilts, haggis, highland games, Robert Burns, Scottish dancing [cross-curricular connection with Music Year 2]

Core Knowledge

Weather and Climate

- Understand the difference between weather and climate; Weather is day to day atmospheric conditions, climate is the average weather conditions measured over years. Explain that it does rain in England, but not all day every day of the year. So, rain is a type of weather.
- How does the weather vary from day to day and why?
- Changes in temperature, precipitation, wind, seasons.

Geography Unit Plan– Year 1

Regions of the United Kingdom

Application of knowledge

- Create a project book (individually or as a class) with a chapter for reach country of the United Kingdom. Include information such as capital cities, famous landmarks, flags, famous figures from history etc.
- Children can create presentations for assembly, for other classes or perhaps for their parents, learning information and practicing speaking out loud.

- Add to the class (or individual) project books including information on Wales and Northern Ireland.
- Invite a Welsh or Gaelic speaker into teach children simple words such as hello/goodbye and to talk about their experiences of the country.
- Ensure children can locate and name the countries of the United Kingdom.

- Keep a daily record of temperature, wind direction, wind speed and precipitation
- Discuss how the weather changes and why, for example with wind direction
- Look at examples of extreme weather conditions and find out about their impact on people and landscapes. Look at images from forecasts of extreme weather.



Lesson 3: Wales

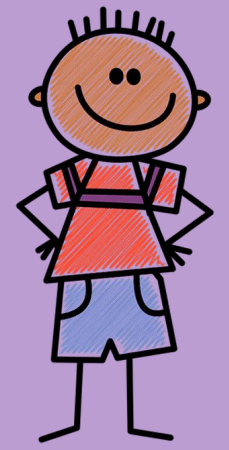
In this lesson, children will learn that Wales is a country to the west of England. The capital of Wales is Cardiff which is located in the south of the country. The patron saint of Wales is St David, and the flag is white and green with a red dragon. The reason the red dragon of the Welsh flag is not represented in the Union flag is because when the flag was created, Wales had already entered into a union with England. This union was formed as early as the 13th century and Wales was considered a principality. This means that Wales was ruled from England. Now Wales has gained some autonomy and has its own democratically elected government called the Welsh Assembly. Specific powers have been devolved in areas such as health, education and the environment. Children should understand that England and Wales were joined together a long time ago, but that the Welsh government now has power to decide some things for the Welsh people.

Learning Objective	Core Knowledge	Activities for Learning	Related Vocabulary	Assessment Questions
To recognise Wales as one of the countries in the United Kingdom.	Wales is one of the countries in the United Kingdom. There is a red dragon on the Welsh flag. Cardiff is the capital of Wales.	Recap by locating the UK and then Scotland on a map of the UK. Locate Wales on the map too. Discuss the location of major towns and the capital city, Cardiff. If possible, look at a relief map of Wales that indicates the shape of the land so children can see where hills and mountains are located. Draw contrasting pictures showing a mountain and a valley scene. Show children the flag of Wales and explain that there are many stories of dragons throughout history, and we cannot be sure why the dragon was chosen for the Welsh flag. We do know that Henry Tudor carried a flag depicting the dragon into battle in 1485 at the Battle of Bosworth Field. Many Welsh people today are proud of the red dragon as it symbolises strength and courage. Children could create a factsheet for Wales and include information such as place names, the Welsh flag, the symbol of the daffodil etc.	Wales Cardiff Red Dragon Daffodil mountain valley peak slope summit	*What can you tell me about Wales?* *Can you describe the Welsh flag?* *What does the Red Dragon on the Welsh flag symbolise?* *What is the name of the capital city of Wales?*

Resources:

Craft ideas based on the Red Dragon of the Welsh flag.
BBC Class Clips - Barnaby Bear climbs a mountain in Wales.
Teacher knowledge: Wales
Listen to some Welsh rhymes and songs

LO: To recognise Wales as one of the countries in the United Kingdom



Scotland





England



Northern Ireland



Wales



Can you find Wales on this map of the United Kingdom?



Wales





Key Vocabulary

Wales Word Bank

daffodil 

Brecon Beacons 

dragon 

River Severn 

Cardiff 

Welsh Assembly 

Wales



Leeks and daffodils are the national emblems for Wales.



The Welsh Flag

Historians are not sure why Wales has a dragon on the flag BUT there are many stories of dragons throughout history about dragons.



Henry Tudor carried a flag depicting the dragon into battle in 1485 at the Battle of Bosworth Field.

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Talk Task

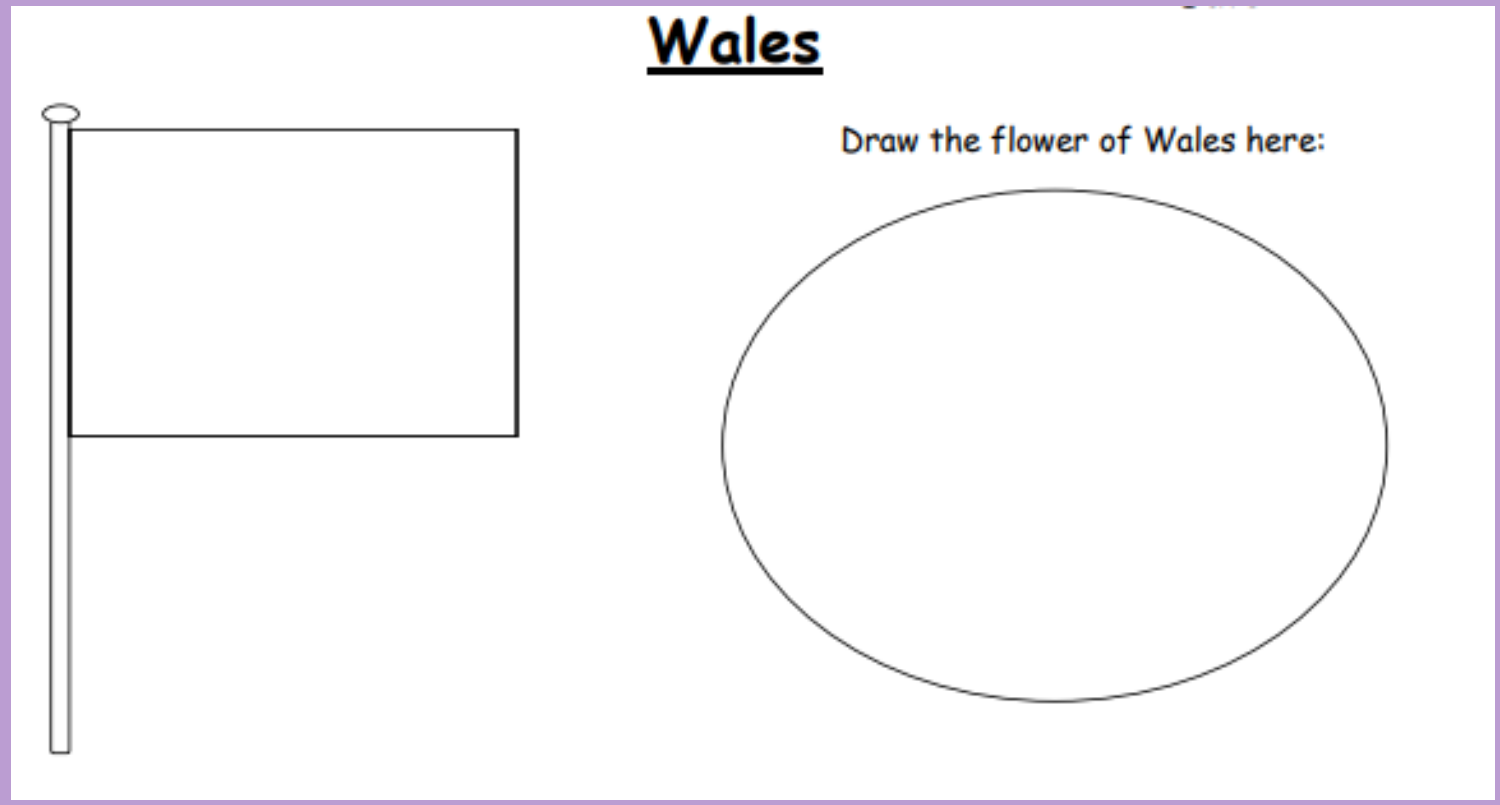
Which picture is Wales? Which is England (where we live)?



What are the differences between the two Landscapes?
What are the similarities?

Task:

Can you draw the Welsh flag and the National Flower of Wales?



Task

- All:

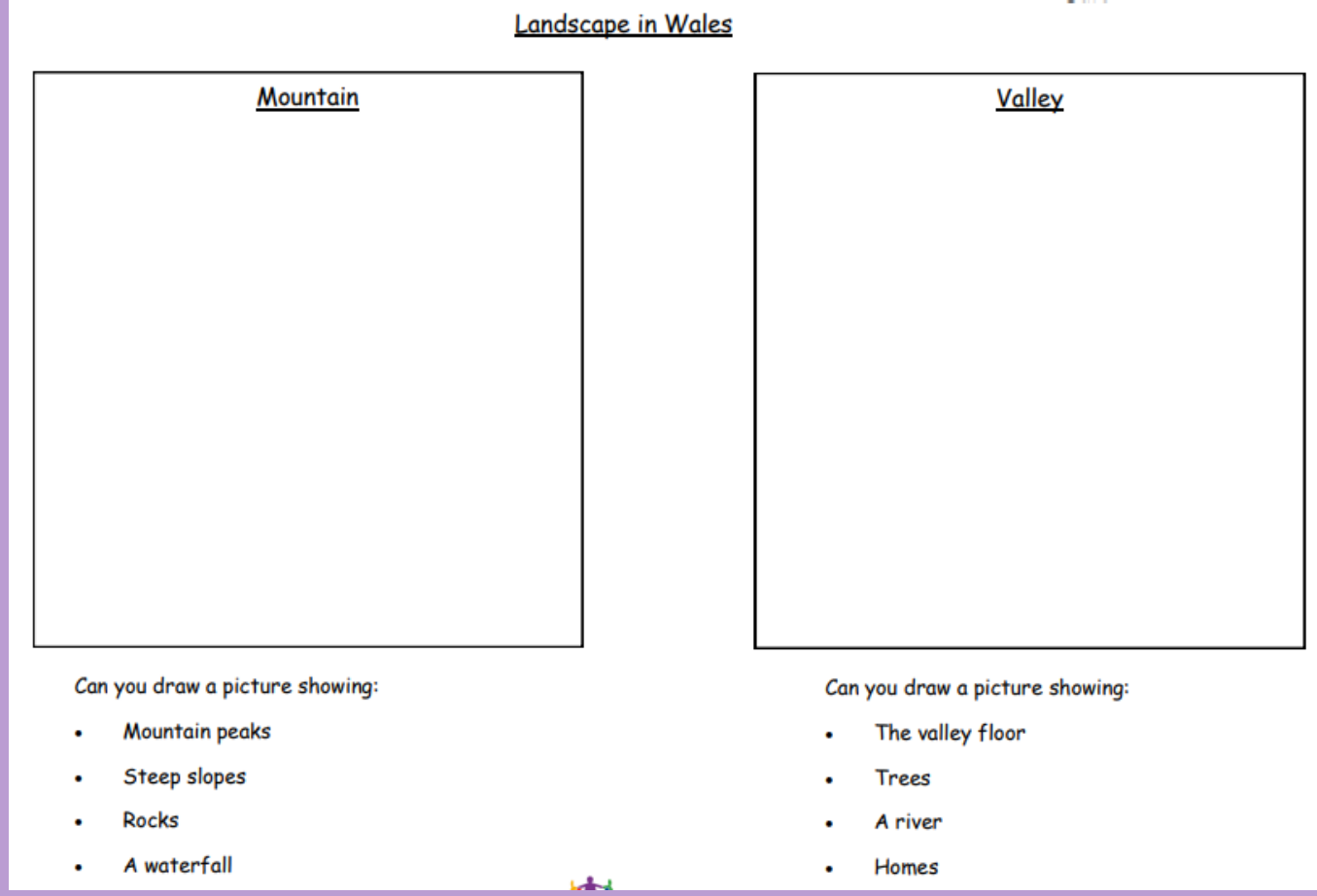
Will draw the welsh flag and the National Flower of Wales and draw a mountain landscape.

- Most:

Will draw the welsh flag and the National Flower of Wales.

- Some:

Will draw the welsh flag and the National Flower of Wales and explain why they think a dragon was chosen.



Landscape in Wales

Mountain

Valley

Can you draw a picture showing:

- Mountain peaks
- Steep slopes
- Rocks
- A waterfall

Can you draw a picture showing:

- The valley floor
- Trees
- A river
- Homes

What have we found out today?

Can you tell me something about Wales?

Can you describe the Welsh Flag?

Would you like to go to Wales? Why?

