Characteristics of London- KS1 Knowledge Mat

	Sticky Knowledge about characteristics of the UK.
❑ To know some of the human and physical features of London.	❑ Human features are things around us that are built by humans. ❑ Physical features are anything that is on the Earth naturally. ❑ Human Features- Tower Bridge, The London Eye, Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey. ❑ Physical Features- River Thames.
❑ Use aerial photographs/ simple maps to recognise landmarks of London.	 Buckingham Palace London Eye River Thames Big Ben Westminster Abbey
❑ Plan a route using a simple map from one landmark to another.	❑ Use locational vocabulary such as North, East, South, West. ❑ Use a simple map to give directions from one London landmark to another.
❑ To understand the seasonal weather patterns for London.	❑ Weather Patterns for London. **Spring (March - May)-** The weather can vary from warm and sunny to cold and rainy. **Summer (June - August)-** Summers in London are generally mild and pleasant, but not without occasional rain showers. **Autumn (October-December)-** Temperatures begin to drop sharply in October. Autumn is usually London's rainiest season. **Winter (January - February)-** Winters in London are cold and often rainy weather. ❑ The hottest month is July. The coldest month is January. The wettest month is November.
❑ To explain the advantages and disadvantages of living in the city.	❑ Advantages- More shopping facilities, more opportunities of things to do (visit landmarks such as Big Ben), more job opportunities, good public transport links, leisure facilities, lots of restaurants. ❑ Disadvantages- More pollution, more crime, more litter, more crowds/noise.

Subject Specific Vocabulary

United kingdom	It is a unique country made up of four nations: England, Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland.
Characteristic	Something that describes a person or a place. Characteristics of a city are what the city is best known for.
Sea	a great body of salt water that covers much of the earth.
London	The capital city of England.
Weather*	The state of the atmosphere at a particular time and place. It includes strength of the wind, whether it is raining, sunny, hailing, snowing, sleeting, foggy, or cloudy. The weather changes regularly and tends to be different during different seasons and across different countries.
City	A city is a place where many people live closely together. Cities bring together people from different backgrounds. They offer more jobs, more schools, and more kinds of activities than smaller towns and villages.
Capital city	The capital city is a city where the central government of a country is. The leaders and officials work in the capital city. They are usually larger than other cities in the country.