

Holy Souls RC Primary School - Knowledge Organiser

Geography

Year 6

Strand: Our Local Area

Map and Overview



- Lancashire is a county in England, in the UK. It borders on the counties of Cumbria, Yorkshire, Cheshire and Merseyside.
- It is in North West England.
- Lancashire's administrative centre is Preston while Lancaster is still seen as the county's town. Lancashire is split into 14 districts. Our school is in the district of Blackburn with Darwen.
- There are also lots of rural areas of Lancashire and a coastline situated next to the Irish Sea. On a clear day, you can sometimes see the Isle of Man which is situated in the Irish Sea between England and Ireland.
- In Roman times, some forts and military zones were based in Lancashire. It was then incorporated as part of Northumbria during the Anglo-Saxons period.

Human Geography

Population



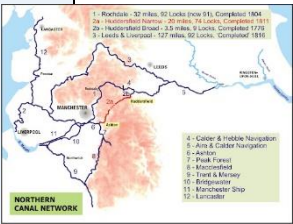
- Just under 1.5 million people live in Lancashire. More people live in the areas of Lancashire that are closer to Manchester.

Settlements



- The largest settlement in Lancashire is Blackpool with nearly 150,000 people living there, followed by Blackburn (120,000) and then Preston (98,000).
- Many people also live in more rural towns and villages.

Trade/ Business



- With Manchester, Preston and places such as York being in reaching distance, Lancashire has a well-established railway network.
- Lancashire is well-known for its cotton and textiles industry with some mills and old warehouses still evident today.
- The factories used canals to help transport their goods, with a canal travelling to Liverpool and Leeds.

Key Vocabulary

Lancashire

County

Urban

Rural

Settlement

City

Town

Coastal

River

Mountain

Forest

Interesting Places in Lancashire

Blackpool

- Blackpool is a coastline resort town with Victorian-era piers, ballroom dancing and thrill rides at Blackpool Pleasure Beach.



Lancaster

- Lancaster is deep with history. It has a medieval castle, a cathedral and the beautiful Williamson Park.
- Lancaster is well known for the House of Lancaster which was a branch of the royal family. The Duke of Lancaster held large estates on behalf of King Richard.
- The emblem for the House of Lancaster is a red rose.



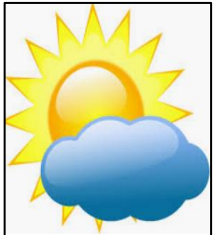
Morecambe Bay

- Morecambe is a town that is situated on a large estuary.
- It has many mudflats and sand dunes that attract people to visit.



Physical Geography

Weather Patterns



- Because it is in the north west of England, Lancashire tends to have colder weather than the south, and has rain throughout the year.
- The temperature can range from 6°C to 20°C, depending on the time of the year.

Coastal Areas



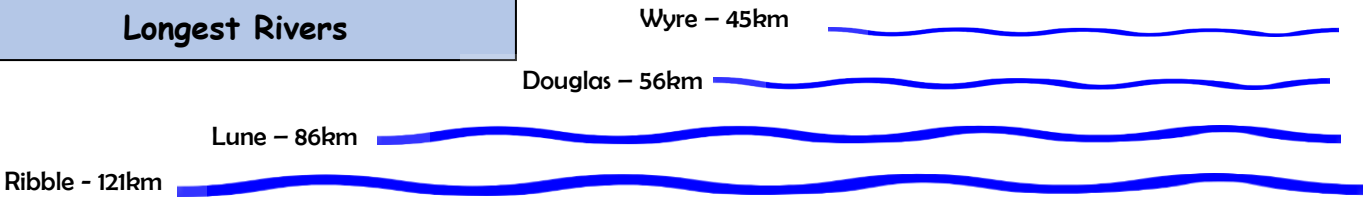
- There are 106km of coastline in Lancashire that reach to Silverdale in the north and Freckleton in the south.
- Lancashire is situated next to the Irish Sea.
- Popular destinations on this coastline are Blackpool, Lytham, Formby and Southport.

Forest Areas



- Lancashire has several forests in which wildlife is protected.
- The largest is the Forest of Bowland which covers 312 square miles.

Longest Rivers



Highest Hills

