

Key Knowledge:

Why did Britain want an empire?

Britain wanted an empire to show their power, the more countries and colonies they ruled the more powerful they were.

Who was in charge of the British Empire?

The monarchy ruled the British Empire, during the Victorian era Queen Victoria ruled the empire and was known as the "Grandmother of the British Empire".

What is a "mother country"?

A "mother Country" was the country who ruled the empire; in this case, Britain ruled the empire.

When did the British Empire end?

By 1979 the empire was reduced to only a few places around the world. In 1997 Hong Kong was transferred to China, and Prince Charles said that was "the end of the Empire".

Diagrams or Maps.



Key vocabulary for human geography:

City	A large town, usually with a cathedral.
Town	A built up area with a name that is larger than a village and generally smaller than a city.
Village	A group of houses, smaller than a town, in a rural area.
Factory	A building or group of buildings where goods are made or assembled, usually by a machine.
Farm	An area of land and its buildings, used for growing crops and rearing animals.
House	A building with walls and a roof.
Office	A building used as a place for work.
Shop	A building where goods are sold.

Curriculum links:

History – The Victorians – Linking to Queen Victoria "The Grandmother of the British Empire".

Computing – Using interactive maps to locate the countries and colonies of the British Empire.

Maths – Comparing the temperatures of different climates.

PSHE – Discussing what it would be like and feel like to be a country or nation that had been colonised.

Geographical Skills and Fieldwork:

Children know which countries were in the British Empire.

Children locate the countries that were in the British Empire on a map, finding which continents these are in.