

# Year 4 Red Kites Geography Spring 2

## Northern Ireland

### Key Geographical Features of Northern Ireland



| Key Vocabulary          | Definition  |
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| <b>Belfast</b>          | Capital city of Northern Ireland  |
| <b>cave</b>             | A natural void in the ground.   |
| <b>county</b>           | An area within a country  |
| <b>erode</b>            | Wears away  |
| <b>Finn MacCool</b>     | A legendary giant said to have created the Giant's causeway to fight a giant from Scotland. |
| <b>Giant's Causeway</b> | A rock formation formed by a volcanic eruption  |
| <b>legend</b>           | A story that has been passed down.  |
| <b>Londonderry</b>      | The second-largest city in Northern Ireland.  |
| <b>Lough Neagh</b>      | A lake in Northern Ireland; the largest lake in the British Isles.                          |
| <b>Nationalists</b>     | People who support political independence for a country.                                    |
| <b>partition</b>        | Dividing a country into separate areas of government.                                       |
| <b>Republic</b>         | A form of government in which the people elect, or choose, their leaders.                   |
| <b>stalactite</b>       | Limestone that grows from the roof down.  |
| <b>stalagmite</b>       | Limestone that grows from the ground up.  |
| <b>Unionists</b>        | Those in favour of the union of Northern Ireland with Great Britain.                        |

### Northern Ireland

This is the smallest of the four parts of the United Kingdom. The other three parts are England, Scotland and Wales. Northern Ireland is often called Ulster because it includes six of the nine counties that made up the ancient kingdom of Ulster.



### The Giant's Causeway

This is a rock formation, caused by a volcanic eruption. It is an area of about 40,000 interlocking basalt columns. The tops of the columns form stepping stones that lead from the cliff foot and disappear under the sea. Most of the columns are hexagonal and the tallest are about 12 metres high. There is a legend that it was created by a Giant called Finn MacCool who built it so he could go to fight a giant in Scotland.



### The Marble Arch Caves

The Marble Arch Caves are a series of natural limestone caves in County Fermanagh. They are formed from three rivers draining off the northern slopes of the Cuilcagh mountain which combine underground to form the Cladagh. At 11.5 km long, it is the longest known cave system in Northern Ireland. In places it is 94 m deep.

