

Key Facts

- Jamaica is the third largest island in the Caribbean.
- The Caribbean is a group of islands which are part of the continent of North America.
- It is south of Cuba and west of Haiti.
- It has a population of about 3 million people.
- The capital city of Jamaica is Kingston.
- Jamaica has a tropical climate. It is cooler in the mountains.
- The weather of Jamaica is warm through out the year between 20 and 35 degrees Celsius. The most rainfall is in the summer months. There is a hurricane season at the end of summer.
- The landscape of Jamaica is mountainous with some volcanoes, It has narrow valleys and a flat coast with sandy beaches.
- English and Jamaican Patois are spoken in Jamaica.
- Ackee and saltfish are the national dish of Jamaica. Other common foods eaten are cornbread, cassava, plantain, callaloo, curry goat and chicken, dumpling and Jamaican Patty.
- Jamaican school children go to primary school from age 6 to 12.

Diagrams



Geography

Year 2

Autumn 2

How does

England

compare to

Jamaica?



Vocabulary

Word	Definition
Beach	The land at the edge of a lake, ocean, or other body of water.
Capital city	Main city of a country.
City	A large and important town where many people live and work.
Climate	The weather conditions over time.
Coast	The land next to the ocean; seashore.
Forest	A large area covered with trees.
Hill	A raised area of land.
Hurricane	A powerful storm with heavy rains and winds that blow in a circle at 73 miles per hour or more.
Island	A piece of land surrounded by water.
Landscape	Features of land that you can see e.g. desert, mountains, beach.
Mountain	A large steep hill.
Population	All the people that live in a particular place.
Town	An area with streets, houses, and buildings that is larger than a village but usually smaller than a city.
Tropical	Hot and humid; near the equator
Valley	A low piece of land between hills or mountains.
Village	A small town or community, often in the country.

Knowledge and Understanding:

Children will learn:

- Where Jamaica is in the world
- About Jamaica and investigate what we expect Jamaica to be like
- To investigate why it is like that there (weather, climate, landscape)
- To learn to identify and compare the similarities and differences between Wembley and Jamaica

Key skills and concepts:

Children will be able to:

- To use geographical terms
- To use maps and atlases
- To read the weather forecast
- To present work orally through role play, written or visually using ICT
- To use geographical vocabulary to refer to: forest, hill, mountain, valley, town, village, factory, soil, vegetation, river

Key Questions:

Where Jamaica is in the world?

What is the weather like in Jamaica?

What is the climate of Jamaica?

Can you describe the landscape of Jamaica?

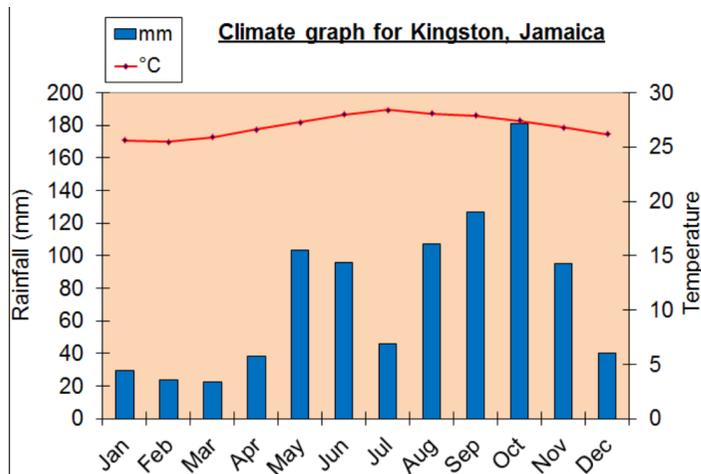
What is life like for children in Jamaica?

What is different and similar between Wembley and Jamaica?

Which geographical vocabulary can you use when discussing the topic?

Key landmarks

- The Dunn's River Falls
- Blue Mountain Peak (2256m)
- Montego Bay



The Dunn's Rivers Falls



Blue Mountain Peak



Montego Bay