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Objectives

- To know where the different tribes lived in Great Britain.
- To use maps to build up ideas of where Celtic tribes lived and travelled.

Cross-curricular links

History

- 4a To find out about people from an appropriate range of sources.

Geography

- 2c Use maps at a range of scales.
3b To know about the location of places.

Resources

Each child or group will need a copy of worksheet 13 and maps showing rivers and counties of Great Britain.

You will need a poster or large map of Great Britain showing upland and lowland regions. You will also need to be able to display the following web sites on a whiteboard.

<http://www.harveymaps.co.uk/acatalog/Ridgeway.html>
<http://www.icknielldwaypath.co.uk/map.php>

Starter

Tell the children that the Celts lived in tribes and study pages 24 and 25 in the student book with the children. Point out that the main rivers are shown and that the Celts used them for transporting goods for trade rather like motorways and railways are used today. Tell the children that they are going to find out the names of the rivers and then find out a little more about how this map of the Celts relates to modern day Great Britain.

Main activities

1. Issue worksheet 13 and some maps of the British Isles. Let the children study the maps and write in the names of the rivers.
2. Ask the children the following questions:
 - A. Which tribe would use the river we now call the Mersey? (Cornavii)
 - B. Which tribes would use the river we now call the Wharf? (Brigantes, Parisii)

- C. Which tribes would use the river we now call the Severn? (Dobunni, Ordovices).
3. Ask the children to find the following counties we have now and say which tribe lived there in the time of the Celts – Cumbria (Brigantes), Norfolk (Iceni), Cornwall (Cornovii), Kent (Cantii), Pembrokeshire (Demetae), Somerset (Durotriges).
 4. Ask the children to find the location of their town and say that if it had been a settlement in Celtic times in which tribal area would it have been?
 5. Ask the children about places they have been to in Great Britain on holiday and ask them to find them on a map and see the tribal areas they would have had to cross through in Celtic times.

Plenary

Put up a large map of Great Britain showing the hills, mountains and lowland areas. Ask the children to identify tribes that lived in the lowland areas and look for answers about Parisii, Cornavii, Coritani, Iceni, Catuvellauni, Atrebates, Trinovantes, Cantii, Regni and Belgae.

Tell the children that there are some ancient pathways that the Celts probably used and show them the map of the Ridgeway at

<http://www.harveymaps.co.uk/acatalog/Ridgeway.html>

and the Icknielld Way at

<http://www.icknielldwaypath.co.uk/map.php>

Ask them about the tribes they may expect to meet while travelling along the Ridgeway (Belgae, Atrebates and Catuvellauni) and along the Icknielld Way (Catuvellauni and Iceni). Ask them how they would feel as they travelled along the road from what they know about Celtic tribes and look for an answer about being scared!

Outcomes

The children:

- Know where the different tribes lived in Great Britain.
- Can use maps to locate places in Great Britain in Celtic times and in the present.