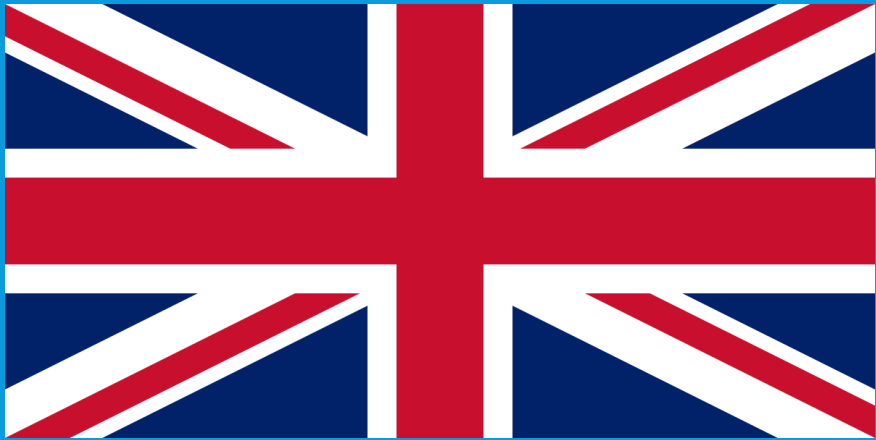# SAINT GEORGE'S DAY

THE FLAG OF SAINT GEORGE

The flag of Saint George makes up the English part of the Union Jack flag (the flag of the United Kingdom).
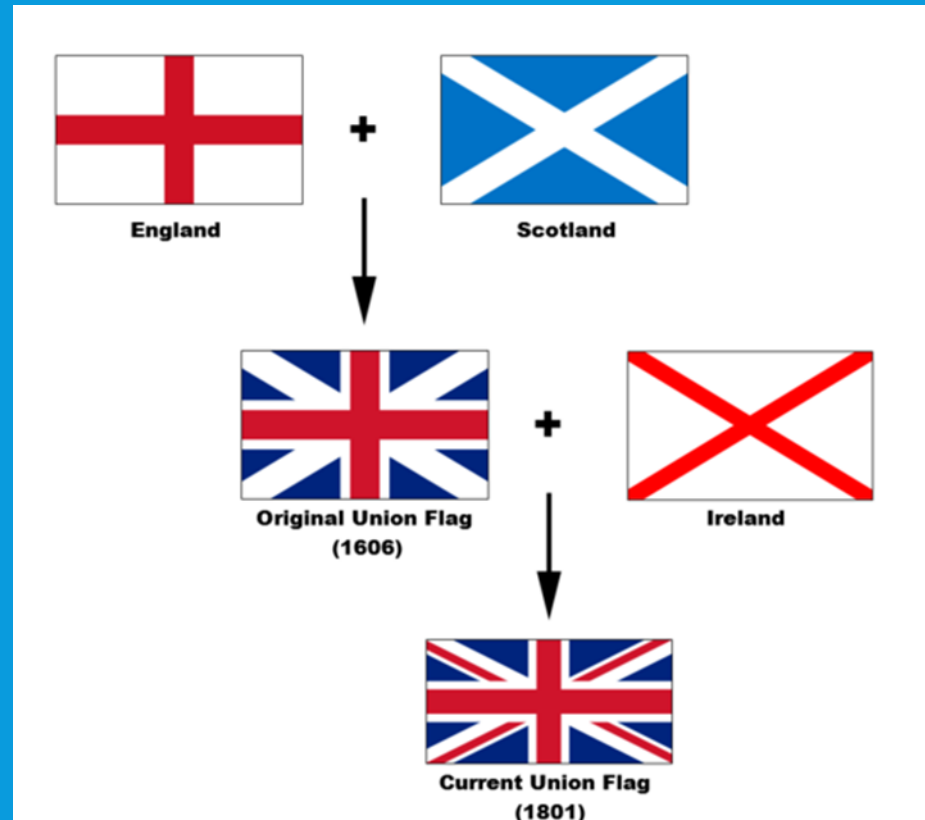
The Union Jack

The Flag of Saint George

HOW WAS THE UNION JACK MADE?

Do you remember how many countries are in the United Kingdom?
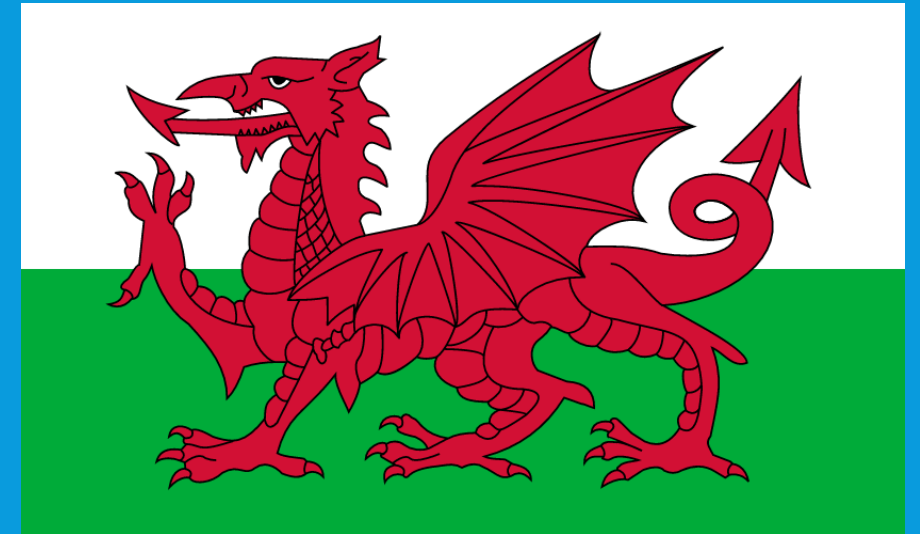

On this picture one country is missing.
What country is it?

WHAT COUNTRY IS MISSING?

There are 4 countries in the United Kingdom.

1. England
2. Scotland
3. Wales
4. Northern Ireland

Wales is missing from the Union Jack flag because when the flag was created in 1606 Wales was a part of England.

(Wales USED TO BE in England. Not it's own country).

WHO WAS SAINT GEORGE?

- He was a real person.
- He was born in Turkey.
- He lived a LONG time ago.
- He was a Roman Soldier (he was in the army).
- He was brave!
- He helped to save people.
- He was put in prison because of his religion (he was a Catholic).
- He is now the Patron Saint of England.

SAINT GEORGE AND THE DRAGON

There is a famous story about Saint George!

It says that he killed a dragon to save a princess.

In England, we call these stories a legend.

A legend, is a story that SOME of the information is TRUE but SOME of the information is FALSE.

WHEN DID ENGLAND START TO CELEBRATE SAINT GEORGE'S DAY?

We have celebrated Saint George's Day in England since 23rd April 1222.

But Saint George was not the Patron Saint until 1415.

SAINT GEORGE'S DAY

Saint George's Day is NOT a bank holiday. Children go to school and adults go to work. Lots of people in England are not happy about this.

But lots of English people celebrate Saint George's day on 23rd April, or at the weekend.

HOW DO WE CELEBRATE SAINT GEORGE'S DAY?

Parades

Marching Bands

Morris Dancing

WATCH THIS VIDEO OF MORRIS DANCING

My Grandad used to do this in our town!

HOW DO WE CELEBRATE SAINT GEORGE'S DAY?

Dress up

Parties in parks

Street parties