

Riverside Primary – Geography Knowledge Organiser UKS2 Our Local Area

Topic: Our Local Area

Phase: UKS2

NC Strand: Locational Knowledge, Geographical Skills and Fieldwork.

Key Vocabulary:

cartographer	somebody who draws and produces maps.
city	a large town. London is a city.
coastal	an area of land close to the sea.
country	an area of land that is controlled by its own government.
county	a region of Britain or Ireland which has its own local government.
human features	features of land that have been impacted by human activity.
landmark	a building or feature which is easily recognised.
landscape	everything you can see when you look across an area of land, including hills, rivers, buildings, trees, and plants.
physical features	natural features of land.
population	all the people who live in a country or area.
rural	places that are far away from large towns or cities.
topographical	the physical features of an area of land, for example its hills, valleys, and rivers.
urban	belonging to, or relating to, a town or city.
settlements	places where people live and sometimes work.
upland areas	land above sea-level.
economic activity	the amount a country sells and makes.
land use	an area is used for a specific purpose.

Locational Knowledge - Identifying human and physical characteristics, key topographical features (including hills, mountains, coasts and rivers), and land-use patterns; and understand how some of these aspects have changed over time.

Geographical Skills and Fieldwork -

- use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied
- use the eight points of a compass, four and six-figure grid references, symbols and key (including the use of Ordnance Survey maps) to build their knowledge of the United Kingdom and the wider world.
- use fieldwork to observe, measure, record and present the human and physical features in the local area using a range of methods, including sketch maps, plans and graphs, and digital technologies.

What Should I Already Know?

The village I live/ go to school in is called **Hullbridge**, which is in Essex. There are villages. Towns and cities in Essex, some of which are coastal.

Essex is in England, which is a country. England, which is in the United Kingdom, is in the continent of Europe.

The capital cities of the four countries that make up the United Kingdom and their characteristics.

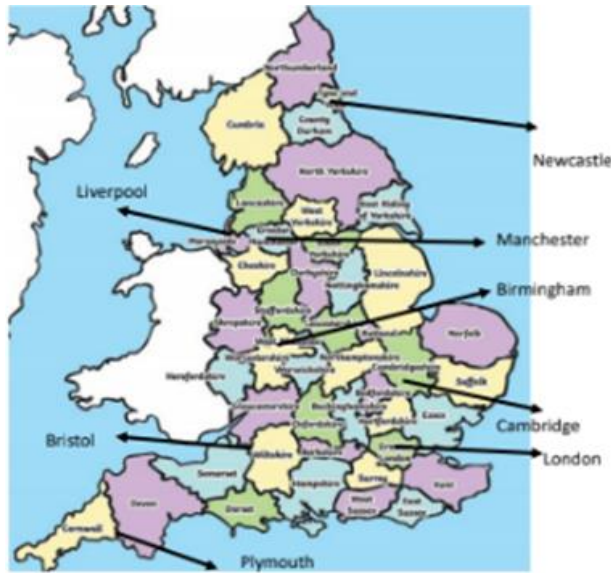
The surrounding seas of the United Kingdom.

Land-use patterns in the local area and how they have changed over time.

The terms urban and rural and use them to describe areas of the UK.

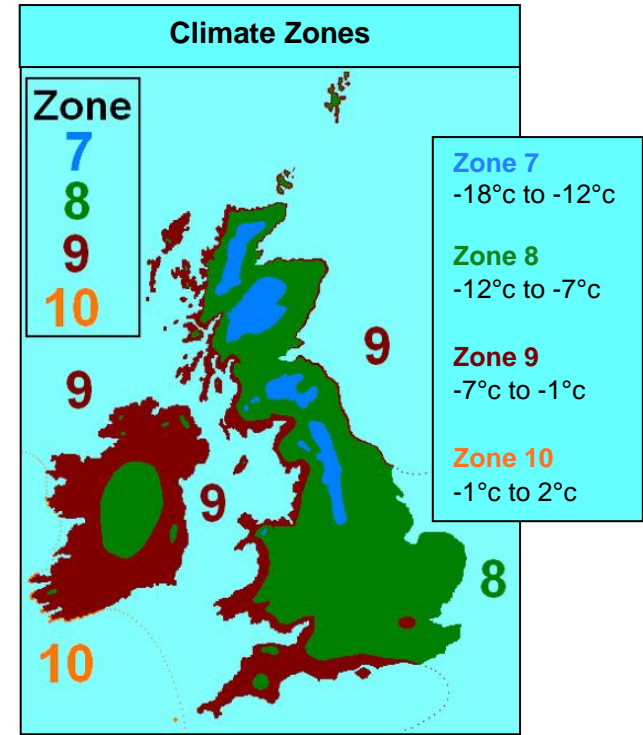
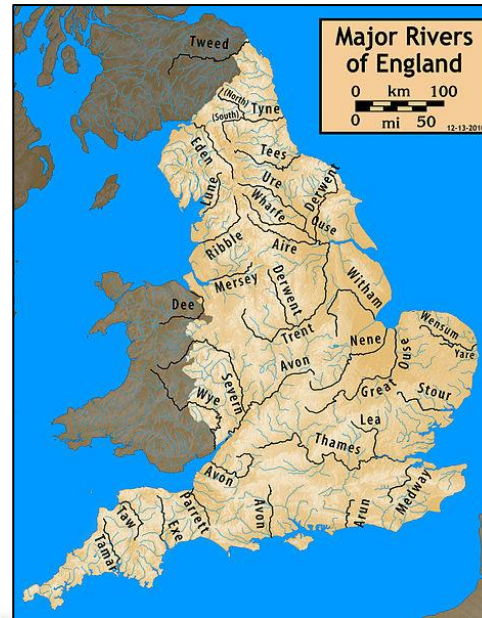
How to locate places using four figure grid references.

How to identify features such as hills, mountains, coasts and rivers on a map.



Settlements

- What kind of settlement is your school in?
- What kind of settlement do you live in?
- Think about the different kinds of services available in settlements.
- What services are in your local area?

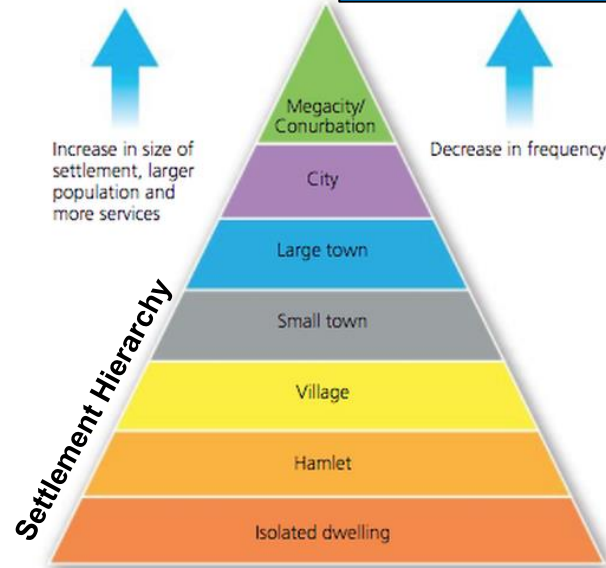


Economic Activity

- What are the different ways a country can trade resources for money?
- What do you think has been imported from another country that we use in our classroom?
- What is importing?
- What are exports products?

Upland Areas

- What are upland areas?
- Which mountain or hill range do we live closest to?



Land Use

- How is the land around our school used?
- Is there a balance of land use around our school?
- Could the area be improved by changing the land use?
- What are the 5 types of land use?
 - 1) Residential
 - 2) Agricultural
 - 3) Recreation
 - 4) Transportation
 - 5) Commercial