

Unit Title: What is so great about *our* outdoors?

Y1
Autumn 2

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1. Understand what a settlement is
2. Understand that they live in the area of Coulby Newham in Middlesbrough, which is a town in England.
3. Know that the United Kingdom is made up of the countries of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales
4. Know what human and physical features are

End of unit assessment task:

Video a discussion about location of Middlesbrough and its human and physical features

Links:

Year 1 science unit – plants

Year 1 science unit – seasonal changes




Text - '10 Things I Can Do to Help My World' by Melanie Walsh

Prior Learning:

- Describe their immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, non-fiction texts and maps; (ELG)
- Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class; (ELG)
- Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including seasons (ELG)

Key Aspects of the Unit:

Map and atlas work/Fieldwork and investigation

	Location
	Human Features: Understand that human features are features in an environment that have been made by people. Understand that human features can include: city, town, village, factory, farm, house, office, port, harbour and shop.
	Physical Features: Understand that physical features are natural features in an environment. Understand that physical features can include: beach, cliff, coast, forest, hill, mountain, sea, ocean, river, soil, valley, vegetation, season and weather and volcanoes

Key Knowledge:

- Know what a settlement is and know that settlements can be town, villages and cities
- Know that the United Kingdom is made up of the four countries of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland
- Know that they live in Coulby Newham, which is in the town of Middlesbrough
- Know that human features are features in an environment which have been made by people
- Recognise the human features of the local area – including town, road, path, shop, park, school, house, garden
- Know that physical features are natural features in an environment.
- Recognise the physical features of the local area – including woods, field, stream
- Know that within Coulby Newham there are both human and physical features
- (Link to Science) Know that there are four seasons and how the environment changes in each season
- Know the weather patterns associated with each season

Geographical Skills:**Mapping:**

- Know that maps give information about 'where' and 'what'
- Find information on aerial photographs
- Use a simple picture map to move around school/local area

Fieldwork:

- Engage in simple, teacher-led fieldwork enquiries.
- Look at school grounds on maps relating to aerial photo and real life. How do they feel about different areas and what improvements could be made?

Vocabulary	
Hill	A naturally raised area of land, which is not as high as a mountain
Environment	Everything around us - the natural world of land, sea, air, plants and animals
River	A large, natural stream of fresh water that flows into the lake or a sea
Soil	A layer of earth
Woods	An area where trees grow
Forest	A large area where trees grow close together
Field	An area of open land
Stream	A small river
Settlement	A settlement is where people have come to live and have built their homes
Town	A large group of houses, shops and buildings where people live and work. Towns are larger than villages but smaller than cities.
School	A building where children learn
Path	A track that is walked on
Road	A route that can be driven on
House	A building where people live
Garden	A planted area

