

Year 1
Summer Term
Geography

BRILLIANT BATFORD

Our Local Area

*Batford is a great place to live and go to school in but why?
We will build on what the children already know
and find out much more about Brilliant Batford!*

Background information

During this topic we will be exploring our local town and looking at where we are located in the world. We will be using Digimaps to locate our streets, map our journey to school and find the key landmarks in our town. We go to school in and most of us live in Batford. Batford is an area in Harpenden, which is a small town in England. The country we live in is called England, which is part of the United Kingdom. Every home has an address – it would be helpful if the children know their address.

Knowledge and Understanding

In this unit pupils will learn about Batford...

- We will learn that everyone's house or flat has an address and will find out what it is for.
- We will go on a local walk and investigate some of the physical and human features of Batford.
- We will evaluate our environment and think about the reasons why it is a good place to live and what could make it an even better place to live.
- We will investigate the weather in Batford and compare it other places and countries around the globe.

Enquiry skills and Key concepts

- Use maps to find the position of Harpenden in the United Kingdom and of Batford in Harpenden and create their own route map showing the position of their home in relation to our school.
- Use the compass points to describe the position of physical and human features.
- Observe aerial view photographs and start to understand what they show.
- Use *Google Earth* to start at school and zoom out. What do you notice?
- Observe, describe and form opinions about the human and physical geographical features of our local area.
- Ask questions about places and people.
- Think about the benefits and disadvantages of living in a small town compared to a city or a village.

Key Vocabulary:

Capital city: the city where the government sits. London is the capital city of England and the UK.

City: a large town. St. Albans and Luton are both cities.

Town: a built up area in which many people live and work with lots of shops and other buildings for people to use. Harpenden is a town.

Village: a small group of houses, perhaps with a few shops, that are usually in the countryside. Kimpton is a village.

Island: a piece of land that is completely surrounded by water

Great Britain: An island that is made up of England, Scotland and Wales.

The United Kingdom: The UK, is officially known as the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. It includes England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Country: an area of land that is controlled by its own government.

England: a country in the United Kingdom.

County: Where a country divides up its land each area is called a county. Batford is in Hertfordshire.

Human feature: man made features of the land

Physical feature: natural features of land

Aerial view: a view from above

Compass point: a way of showing direction. The main points of a compass: north, south, east and west.