

Settlements & Land Use

Curriculum Links:

Locational knowledge

Place knowledge

Geographical skills and fieldwork

* See coverage documents for more information

Key Facts:

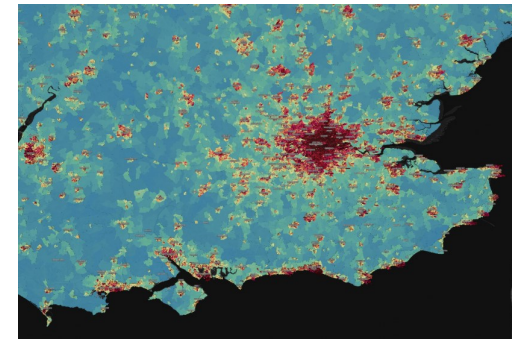
- Settlements are places where people live and work—they can vary in size depending on the size of the population and the facilities which are there
- There are various types of settlements: hamlets - very small settlements with only a group of houses; villages - small settlements which can have houses, a school, a few shops etc; towns - lots of houses, schools, railway stations and shops; and cities—the largest settlement with a number of buildings, hospitals, sports facilities, universities, shops, offices and a cathedral
- Some cities are smaller than others however as they have a cathedral this makes them a city
- Some settlements have specific functions such as: ports - by river or sea to transport goods, market towns - where farmers sell goods; and resorts - for tourists to go on holiday
- Land use describes the function of the land. In rural areas land can be used for farming and forestry. In urban areas, land can be used for industry or housing

Key Skills:

- Create maps of a known area
- Use aerial photographs and Google maps to compare land used in Shepway, Maidstone, London and key areas
- Identify urban and rural areas
- Study population density maps
- Make observations about how land use has changed over time

Possible experiences: We should already know:

- Create your own settlements—drawing or creating models
- Create your own maps including key features
- Use Google maps to identify differences of land use
- Collect data from local area eg types of housing, shops, land use etc
- We live in Maidstone, which is in Kent.
- Kent is in England, which is in the UK and in the continent of Europe
- There are seven continents and five oceans
- How to use and draw simple maps



Key Vocabulary

Agriculture	Farming and methods used to look after crops and animals
City	A large town with a cathedral
Coastal	An area of land close to the sea
Country	An area of land controlled by its own government
County	A region of Britain or Ireland with its own local government
Crop	Plants grown in large quantities for food
Density	The extent which something is filled or covered with
Hamlet	A very small settlement
Industrial	Areas used for industry. Businesses that manufacture, process or generate products
Rural	Places far away from large towns or cities
Town	A large group of houses, shops and building where people live and work
Urban	Belonging to, or relating to, a town or city
Village	A small group of houses, perhaps with a few shops