



What have we learnt before in Geography and what we will learn next?

In Year 1, through our topic 'Where in the world do we live', we learnt about where we live and began to use atlases and maps to identify countries and Cities in the UK.

In Year 2 we will compare the town we live in, Hemel Hempstead, to a coastal village, West Wittering. We will look at aspects of human and physical geography and consider the impact of the weather and how we would travel from one location to the other.

In Year 4, we will extend our knowledge through our topic 'Where do we come from' by looking at the UK as part of the European Union and finding out about our own background and heritage.

LOCATIONS WITHIN THE UK



Hemel Hempstead is a large town in Hertfordshire in the UK. It is in England. It is near to London, the capital city of England. Hemel Hempstead is north of London but it is in the South East of England.



West Wittering is a village situated in the county of West Sussex, England. It lies near the mouth of Chichester Harbour. It is a coastal location in the south of England.

FIELDWORK/ INSPIRATIONAL DAY/ HOOK LESSON A DAY AT THE BEACH

West Wittering is a popular natural beach on the South coast of England. It is rated in the top ten beaches to visit within the UK due to its unspoilt natural beauty.

As part of our unit of study we will visit West Wittering, experiencing a day at the beach and identifying the geographical features of the landscape. We will consider the weather and select appropriately what we need to take with us.



HEMEL HEMPSTEAD – OUR URBAN HOME



Hemel Hempstead is located on the River Gade, in the county of Hertfordshire, approximately 26 miles north-west of London and 7 miles west of St.Albans.



The town has a population of around 79,600. At the end of World War 2 Hemel was built as a "new Town" with new developments enveloping the original town on all sides. The original part of Hemel is still known as the "Old Town".



The town's good transport links and proximity to London have made it a popular residential base for commuters working in the capital.



Key physical features of Hemel Hempstead include the moors, canal, rivers, parks, the shopping centre, the old town and the Magic roundabout.

WEST WITTERING A RURAL COASTAL COMPARISON

West Wittering on the South coast has a large expanse of firm sand, ideal for a day at the beach and with the large amount of beach huts, café and lifeguard presence it is a popular tourist destination on a sunny day.

The population of West Wittering is about 2700 people. The village itself lies a little way inland and has a church of Norman origin, a couple of hotels, a camping site, a village school and a few small shops.

Key physical features are the beach, the salt marsh, the harbour and the church.



Key Vocabulary

Great Britain	British Isles	United Kingdom	city	town	village	urban	rural	coastal	North	South
seaside	East	West	location	facilities	salt marsh	population	employment	shore	harbour	