

Geography Knowledge Organiser - Year 3 - Counties and cities



Skills

- I can use the index of an atlas to locate towns and cities according to page number and grid references.

- I can use 8-point compass knowledge to follow and give directions on a map.

I can use maps to name the counties that are next to the county I live in.

Prior Learning

- The Earth has 7 continents and 5 oceans which I can name.
- I live in the northern hemisphere (above the equator).
- I live in the continent of Europe.
- I live in the country of England within the United Kingdom.
- I live in the county of Northumberland.
- I go to school in the town of Hexham.
- I can name the 4 countries of the UK and the capital city for each.



New Knowledge and vocabulary

country: a large area of land where people live under the same government or have the same culture; nation.

county: a small area in the UK, a smaller part of a region. A county has at least one city and towns and villages.

city: the largest kind of settlement and often have millions of people living in them. Cities usually have a lot to offer - shops, leisure facilities, restaurants, cinemas, museums, places of worship. Bigger than a town and usually includes a cathedral.

town: a settlement usually smaller than a city and larger than a village. Normally a couple of thousand people live in a town so they need more homes and more shops. You might find some leisure facilities, a town hall, places of worship and schools.

village: small settlements with a small number of houses for a few hundred people. Most villages are found in the countryside and may be surrounded by farms where food is produced and sold to people in towns and cities. Some villages have a few shops, there may be a place of worship, like a church and usually a school.

settlement: places where people live and sometimes work. There are many different types of settlement.

population: a group of people living in a particular area, such as a city, country, continent, or the world.

capital city: a city in which a country's or region's government is located.