

St Saviour's Catholic Primary and Nursery School



Subject: Geography

Topic: Settlements

Year: 3

What should I already know?

- A settlement is a place where people live.
- In the past, people would move from place to place searching for food and shelter.
- A map can tell us more about an area.

What am I going to learn?

- The word 'nomadic' means to move around from place to place searching for food and shelter. Around the world there are still some people who live a nomadic life.
- Most people around the world live in settlements. Settlements can be small or large depending on how many people live there.
- There are four main types of settlements: hamlets, villages, towns and cities.
- Population density tells us how many people are living in an area.
- In the past, settlements were found near water and settlements needed to be able to defend themselves from enemies.
- Large settlements today need good transport links and many services such as schools, shops and restaurants.

Useful Websites

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zrbvjhv>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EUv2ID703>

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Vocabulary

Settlement- a place where people live.

Urban- an area where a large number of people live near to each other: urban areas have lots of buildings and roads

Rural- an area located outside of towns and cities, sometimes called the countryside: people often live far apart in rural areas.

Suburban- an area on the edges of towns and cities where people live: suburban areas often have green space and homes usually have gardens

Population- the number of people living in an area.

Dense population- many people living in an area and homes are close to one another.

Sparse population- few people living in an area, homes are spread out.

Conurbation- an urban area that has developed when the suburban areas of several towns or cities merged.

hamlet



a small settlement with a very small number of homes and no services

village



a group of houses in the countryside, sometimes with a church and small shop

town



a place where there are lots of houses and shops: a town may have a local council that makes decisions for the people who live there

city



a city is a large urban area where lots of people live close to each other: there are often lots of shops and services in a city