

Key Question

How is a coastal town different to where we live?

Geography - Year 2

Knowledge organiser

Teaching focus: use fieldwork and observational skills to study geographical features

Learning Lens: Think Like a Geographer

Previous Knowledge

Reception- 'Adventures' may have visited the seaside or taken another journey before.
Year 1- 'Trailblazers- Local Environment' understanding of different geographical features.
Year 1- 'Weather, Hot and cold, Poles, Equators' use of maps and understanding of world geography.

Project Hook or 'Wow' memory

Visit to Portishead or the RNLI from Portishead visit school.

Learning Steps

Key Knowledge (answers)

What is an island? What are the seas/oceans surrounding us?

An island is an area of land surrounded completely by water around the outside. They come in all shapes and sizes, some are large like Britain and some are so small that you can walk completely around them. The sea is a smaller ocean. North Sea, Atlantic Ocean, English Channel and the Irish Sea.

What are the human and physical features of a coast-line?

Physical geographical features include; cliffs, beaches, seas, cave and rock pools.
Human geographical features include; piers, promenade, harbour, marina, shops, lighthouse, restaurants and cafes.

Where is Portishead and what geographical features does it have?

Portishead is a town in north Somerset, next to the Severn Estuary and south west of Bristol. It has a marina, RNLI station, outdoor swimming pool, low cliffs, pebble beaches, dunes, lighthouse, salt marshes, promenade, hotels, restaurants etc

How does the RLNI keep people safe by the coast?

RNLI keep beaches safe by monitoring sea conditions, set up the appropriate flags, watch the people on the beach and offer safety advice both on the beach and in classrooms through our education programmes. They also save lives at sea when life boats are launched.
(Visit Portishead RNLI or have them come to school)

What is the same and what is different between King's Stanley and Portishead?

Things that are different:
Portishead—beaches, marina, lighthouse, sea, cliffs, lifeboat station, restaurants, hotels, shops, sculptures, lake, promenade
King's Stanley—Cotswold hills, common
Same—houses, schools, pubs, park

The key skills we want pupils to use during this topic:

Use simple compass directions and locational and directional to describe the location of features and routes on a map.

Use aerial photographs to recognise landmarks and basic human and physical features.

Devise a simple map.

Use basic geographical vocabulary relating to key physical and human features relevant to their age.

Key vocabulary

Coast

The area where the sea and the land meet together.

Pier

A structure built out into the water, can provide somewhere for boats to dock or entertainment services.

Beach

Landforms located along the shoreline of a body of water, including lakes and rivers. Can be sand, pebbles, gravel or even shells.

Promenade

A path for strolling along, typically along the seafront.

Tourist

A person who travels or visits a place for pleasure.

Seaside

Land bordering the sea, especially a beach area or a holiday resort.

Climate

Weather conditions in an area, tracked over time.

Final Written Outcome

Make a leaflet to persuade someone to visit Portishead.

Label photographs of Portishead saying why you should visit.

