

Knowledge Organiser:

Y2 Our Local Area

What should I already know?

That we live in Great Britain, in Europe, and our capital city is London.

That Crowmarsh is a village, Wallingford is a town, London is a city.

Some of the features of our village, including: church, school, river, splash park/pool, playground, shop.

Cross-curricular links:

History - changes in our village over time. Looking at Victorian buildings.

Science - Materials. What are the buildings in our village made of and how/why has this changed over time.



Geographical vocabulary:

bridge	buildings	capital
church	city	continent
country	Crowmarsh	direction
distance	east	employment
facilities	far	farm
forest	hills	homes
houses	human	key
landscape	map	near
north	office	park
physical	recreation ground	
river	road	route
shop	south	stream
symbol	town	transport
village	Wallingford	weather
west		

Where in the world is Crowmarsh?

Which continent, country and region is Crowmarsh in?

Recap prior understanding of where we are in the world using geographical terms including: village, county, capital city, country, continent, world. Revise names of countries in the British Isles and their capital cities. Learn the names of the continents of the world and know that we live in Europe. Name the country we live in the capital city and the nearest city/town.

Which places are we close to/far away from?

Look at the world (Google Earth) and zoom in gradually to UK, Oxfordshire, Wallingford and then Crowmarsh. Discuss places that are nearby/far away.

What places do you recognise/know?

Discuss how we can recognise places on maps - what features or symbols help us?

What are the physical and human features of Crowmarsh?

What is the landscape of Crowmarsh like?

What do you notice about our area when looking at it from above?

Use maps and satellite pictures to look at village and its surrounding area. Use geographical vocabulary to describe. Look at maps/images of London from above and compare - how is the landscape different?

Draw simple maps of the village and mark on features using a key,

What are the physical features of Crowmarsh?

Know that the River Thames flows past the village and that the land immediately surrounding it is mostly flat and covered in fields and trees. Slightly further out there are hills.

What are the human features of Crowmarsh?

The human features include: the homes; the roads and pathways; the market; the schools and other buildings.

How and why has Crowmarsh village changed?

How is the village used now and how was it different in the past?

Learn about some of the older buildings in the village. Find out what they were used as now and what were they used as/for in the past. Know that there are two other buildings in the village that were used as a school prior to the one we now use and understand why this changed. Know that the church used to be used as a hospital and that some of the houses on The Street were different types of shop. Know that people in the past shopped at many shops to buy their supplies whereas now people can go to a supermarket and buy it all in one go.

What are the homes in Crowmarsh like?

What jobs do people do in Crowmarsh?