

Roseberry Primary School – Curriculum planning

Lead Question: What's So Cool About the Toon?

National Curriculum driver: Geography

Rationale statement

This unit will help children understand where they live in the UK and where Newcastle is. They will make a comparison between Newcastle and Newfield. Children will visit the Angel of the North then travel to Newcastle by Metro from Gateshead then walk through Newcastle to visit the Laing Art Gallery. Children will also undertake a visit to their local area. Children will make maps of the areas they have visited.

Skills

Place knowledge - where we are and where Newcastle is located on maps of the north east and UK. Looking at the geographical similarities and differences between Newfield and Newcastle.

Human and physical geography – use and understand vocabulary related to rural and urban areas including rivers and transport.

Geographical skills and fieldwork, including map skills – using maps, describing routes, aerial photos and landmarks, devise a simple map and use simple fieldwork skills.

Fieldwork opportunities:

Undertake a traffic survey in Newfield and Newcastle

Sketches of buildings in Newfield and Newcastle

End point

Q1: What do we know about Newcastle?

Create a circle map as a class to show what they know already about Newcastle. Teacher to scribe the ideas onto the board and then print out for books. Create a list of questions that we could find out about Newcastle.

To introduce the unit, have a selection of postcards from Newcastle hidden around the yard or quad. Children will have to find the postcards and tick them off their sheet and discuss with their partner what they can see in the postcard.

Q2: Where do we live?

Ask children if they know their own addresses (this will be their homework this week). Talk about the different villages children live in that are in the local area. Use Google Earth to find these places on the interactive map. Zoom out from the school to show the view of the country.

Talk about the country we live in and show a blank map of the countries in the UK. Explain that we live in the North of England on the East side, this means we live in the North East of England. Do we know any other countries that are next to England? Locate the countries on the map. Show children where we are on the map and where London is – do we know that London is the capital city of England? Children to complete their own maps to show the countries of the UK.

