



## Knowledge Organiser: What is it like where we live? (Geography)

### Timeline of key events

1969	Downs Way School is built
September 2019	Downs Way joins with St. Mary's Junior School to become St. Mary's Primary School

### Key information:

Oxted is a town  
 It is in a rural area  
 Oxted is in the county of **Surrey**  
 Oxted is in **England**  
 England is part of the **United Kingdom**  
 Most people live in Oxted but work somewhere else  
 We can see the North Downs from our school  
 Oxted has a railway station  
 Buses connect Oxted with other places.

### Key places

Pupils home, St. Mary's Primary School, Master Park, St. Mary's Church, Police Station, Fire Station, Council Offices, Library

### Key Figures

Mrs Lewis & other staff members/Rev. Anderson/Head of the council

### Key Skills

- I can identify which bit is land and which is a river/sea on a map
- I can find the approximate position of Oxted on a map of the British Isles
- I can find Britain on a map of the world
- I can find our school and other significant places on an aerial photo
- I can find my classroom/field/school on a map
- I can use aerial photographs to identify St. Mary's School, the railway & station, the council offices & Master Park
- I can use compass directions (north, south, east and west) and locational language (e.g. near and far) to describe the location of my friends/ the classroom/the downs/master Park/St. Mary's Church etc.(Westlands Way, Eastlands Way & Central Way)
- I can say what is changing/has changed e.g. my school, the flats being built on Station Road East
- I can devise a simple map; and use and construct basic symbols in a key. Use simple grid references (A1, B1).
- I can carry out simple fieldwork e.g. sketching, counting/tallying/ make simple pictograms

### Concepts/Impact

A plan/map is a bird's eye view of a physical place  
 That an image on a map or plan relates to a real physical place.  
 Blue on a map or plan usually means water  
 Green on a map or plan usually means land  
 A key/legend gives you the information needed for the map/plan to make sense.

Direction: North, South East and West or fixed directions which can be used to locate a place/give instructions

Distance

Fieldwork helps you get an idea/investigate of what a place is like

Physical features of the environment

Change -places change because people change them

-places change over time

### **Key questions?**

What is it like around my school?/What is Oxted like?

What sort of homes do we live in?

How are our homes similar and different?

What are the important places around where we live?

What jobs do people do in Oxted?

How is Oxted 'connected' to other places?

How has the area around school/Oxted changed?

### **Key Vocabulary**

<b>home</b>	<b>the place (such as a house or apartment) where a person lives</b>
<b>house</b>	<b>a building where someone lives</b>
<b>street</b>	<b>a road, typically with houses and buildings on one or both sides</b>
<b>address</b>	<b>Your address is the number of the house, flat, or apartment and the name of the street and the town where you live or work.</b>
<b>school</b>	<b>A school is a place where people go to learn</b>
<b>factory</b>	<b>a building where workers use machines to make things for sale</b>
<b>farm</b>	<b>a piece of land used to grow crops and/or raise animals</b>
<b>village</b>	<b>A small group of buildings including shops, houses, offices, places of worship etc. where people live. Villages are smaller than towns.</b>
<b>town</b>	<b>A town is a place with many streets and buildings, where people live and work. Towns are larger than villages and smaller than cities</b>
<b>city</b>	<b>A city is a place where many people live together. A city has many buildings and streets. It is bigger than a town.</b>
<b>office</b>	<b>An office is a room or a part of a building where people work sitting at desks</b>
<b>shop</b>	<b>a place where things are sold</b>
<b>forest</b>	<b>a large area that has many trees and other plants</b>
<b>hill</b>	<b>A hill is a landform that is higher than the surrounding area</b>
<b>mountain</b>	<b>A mountain is a part of Earth that is very wide, is taller than a hill and often has steep sides.</b>
<b>valley</b>	<b>A valley is a lower part in the land, between two higher parts, which might be hills or mountains.</b>
<b>stream</b>	<b>A stream is a natural flow of water moving across the countryside</b>
<b>river</b>	<b>A river is bigger than a stream</b>
<b>ocean</b>	<b>A large area of salt water</b>
<b>map</b>	<b>A map is a picture someone has made of an area</b>
<b>Key/legend</b>	<b>A map key or legend gives you the information needed for the map to make sense.</b>
<b>compass</b>	<b>A compass is a tool for finding direction</b>

<b>route</b>	<b>A route is a way from one place to another</b>
<b>direction</b>	<b>The path that something takes, the path that must be taken to reach a specific place or the way you are facing.</b>
<b>position</b>	<b>A position is the point where something is located/found</b>
<b>locate</b>	<b>find</b>
<b>observe</b>	<b>carefully watching someone or something</b>