



Our Local Area

Key facts:

- St Neots got its name from St Neot creating a monastery there. However this closed down after a short while and he moved to Cornwall, hence why there is a St Neots in Cornwall.
- Gravel has been extracted in the Little Paxton area for centuries. The first gravel was used to dress local roads; today, it is part of a multi-million pound industry.

Learning Journey- Through this topic pupils will be learning about our local area. We are developing our geographical skills by identifying human and physical features in our local area, completing fieldwork and using compasses to identify the location of significant places.

Pupils will develop their enquiry skills and be asked to make inferences and explain their thinking. Pupils will analyse artefacts from the local area to explore the history within our soil.

Need to know

map
physical feature
geographical feature
observe
compass
postcode
Kimbolton
Great Staughton
St Neots
town
village
house
North
East
South
West

Nice to know

landmark
symbols
key
aerial
past
present
community
address
North-East
North-West
South-East
South-West

Super specialist

artefact
Romans
Fossil
Quarry
enquiry

<u>Links to Prior Learning</u>	<u>Key Texts</u>	<u>Links to Future Learning</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children have some prior learning about London from our learning about the Great Fire of London. Children have some prior knowledge of significant people such as Samuel Pepys. Children have some knowledge of maps from previous topics such as our 'Fire! Fire!' topic. Children have some prior knowledge of towns and cities from our 'Fire! Fire!' topic. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>We're Going on a Bear Hunt</i> by Michael Rosen <i>Out and About: A First Book of Poems</i> by Shirley Hughes <i>Children's Picture Atlas</i> by Ruth Brocklehurst <i>To the Edge of the World</i> by Julia Green 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Links to our next topic 'Awesome Africa'. For example, learning about the continent of Africa, learning about travel in Africa. Links to future topics of 'Great Great Britain' and 'Travel and Transport' in which we will revisit learning about continents, oceans and the United Kingdom.

Family Fun

- Explore a range of maps and atlas books. Eg *Children's Picture Atlas* by Ruth Brocklehurst
- Visit the library to find books about journeys, Christopher Columbus, the continents or United Kingdom.
- Visit Tim Peake's website to look at his photos taken from space! <https://www.timpeake.com/media/tims-view/>
- Draw map of your journey to school. Think carefully about using a key and the landmarks you might see on the way.
- Draw a treasure map for someone else and ask them to find the treasure!
- Learn the continents song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K6DSMZ8b3LE>
- Use Espresso to find out about the 7 continents. Make a fact book!
- Visit some key landmarks in London and take some pictures.
- Find out more about Christopher Columbus: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ThZj9TEMwgE>

