Year 2 Geography – UK Local Study

What we already know:
We live in England and that England is one of the four nations of the UK.
We live in Northamptonshire, which is a county in England.
We know our school is in the town of Towcester.

What's next?
In Year 3, term 1 children will learn that:
The UK is split up into large regions. Northampton is in the East Midlands.
There are 48 counties in the UK
Major counties that surround Northamptonshire are: Warwickshire, Leicestershire, Bedfordshire.

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

To know the name of any local villages that we have contact with: Greens Norton, Shutlanger etc

To know key geographical facts about where we live and describe the local area.

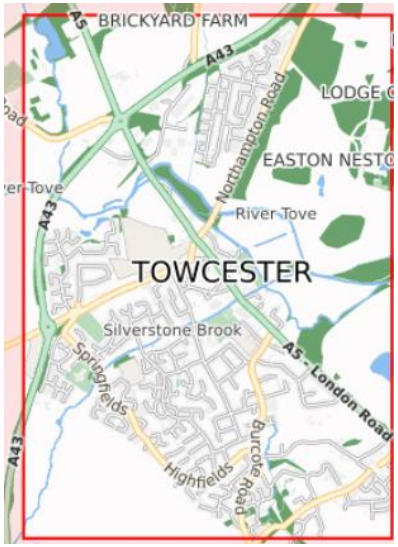
To locate it in reference to the nearest large town/city and to know facts about this large town/city (e.g population of Northampton is approx. 220,000)

To describe the area we live in and relate this to maps of the area.

Economy/Trade

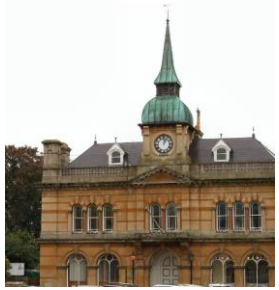
To be aware of the range of buildings, including: shops, factories, homes (of different types), places of worship, places for entertainment and leisure.

To be aware that roads are important in enabling movement and that bigger places tend to have more, larger roads as more people need to move around.



Environment and Sustainability

To know that humans have created/built features of the environment to benefit human life.
Human features can include:
Different types of settlement, village, town, city)
Transport systems (roads, bridges, canals, railways, cycle paths)
Services (schools, shops, religious buildings, leisure facilities, parks)
Industrial buildings – factories, farms
Residential – different types of home.



Being a Geographer

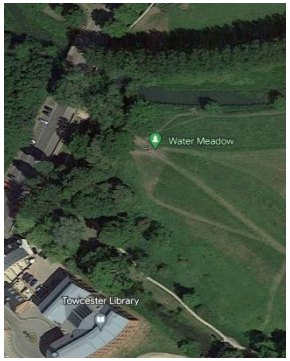
To use the key on a map to identify key features in the local environment.

To use ariel photographs to find landmarks.

To identify if a feature is man-made or natural.

To create our own maps of a wider, familiar environment with a consistent key.

To further develop the language of position; the post office is next to the factory; the war memorial is to the south of the town.



Vocab

Tier One

Village, River, Town,
Key, Map, Road
Visit

Tier Two

Region	Large areas of a country
County	A region has been divided into smaller parts
City	An area in a county that is usually highly populated. Usually very important and a larger area than a town
Transport	The methods people use to move themselves and their goods from one place to another.
Features	A distinctive attribute of something
Landmark	A key object or feature of a landscape

Tier Three

Human features
Physical features
Settlement
Residential
Services