Exploring Our World: Understanding Population

Learning objective: To describe what population means and identify why people choose to live in different types of settlements.

Use this writing frame to help you explain how people are spread across the world. Use the word bank to help your sentences flow and ensure you use clear, descriptive language.

Population is the total number of people living in a specific place, such as a town, a country, or even the entire world.

Word bank: in addition · on the other hand · consequently · densely populated · sparsely populated · urban area · rural area · because · for example · therefore

1. What does the term 'population' mean? Start your paragraph by saying: The population of a place is... (2 marks)

2. How is the population spread out? Use the terms 'densely populated' and 'sparsely populated' to explain: In some areas of the world, it is... (3 marks)

3. Why might people choose to live in a busy city (an urban area)? Start by writing: Many people enjoy living in cities because... (2 marks)

4. Why might some people prefer to live in a quiet village (a rural area)? Start by writing: On the other hand, living in a rural area is different because... (2 marks)

5. If you could design your own perfect town, would it have a large or small population? Explain why: I would choose to live in a place with a... (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine Finn the dolphin is visiting your town. Write a short postcard to him describing your local area. Is it a busy place with many people, or is it quiet and calm? Include two reasons why you like living there.