Mapping Our Local Settlement

Learning objective: To identify and illustrate key features of a settlement and understand how land is used.

Finn the dolphin is visiting a local town to learn about human geography! Follow the steps below to draw a map of a typical settlement. Use your imagination to add details like shops, houses, and green spaces.

Draw: Create a bird's-eye view map of a small town. Use a clear, pencil-sketch style. Include a key in the corner to show what your symbols mean. Ensure you include a variety of 'land use' types such as homes, shops, and places for recreation (like a park or playground). Keep the layout organised so Finn can easily map the area.

Label words: Residential area · High street · Green space · Transport links · Services · Land use

Steps:

1. Step 1: Draw a winding road through the centre of your page. Add three houses on one side and a park on the other. Label the park as a 'Green space'.
2. Step 2: Draw a small row of buildings along the road. Why do you think these are called 'services'? Explain your choice.
3. Step 3: Draw a bus stop or a train station near your shops. Label this as 'Transport links'. Why is this important for a settlement?
4. Step 4: Look at your drawing. Which area is used for 'Residential' purposes? Circle the houses and label

them.

5. Step 5: If you were building a new settlement, why would you choose to build houses near a school or a shop?