My Local Settlement Fact-File with Finn the Dolphin

Learning objective: To identify and describe the features of a local settlement and understand why people choose to live there.

Finn the Dolphin is mapping out human settlements! Use this fact-file to explore your own town, village, or city. Walk around your local area with an adult or look at a map, then fill in the boxes below to describe what makes your home special.

Word bank: settlement · village · town · city · land use · amenities · transport · population

1. My Settlement's Name and Type: What is the name of your town or village? Is it a small village, a busy town, or a large city? (2 marks)

2. Reasons for Settlement: Why do you think people first built a settlement here? Think about things like a nearby river, apartment land for farming, or main roads. (3 marks)

3. Key Amenities: List three important places in your settlement that help people in their daily lives (for example: a school, a park, a mail office, or a store). (3 marks)

4. Transport Links: How do people travel in and out of your settlement? Think about buses, trains, cycle paths, or main roads. (2 marks)

5. My Favorite Spot: Describe one place in your settlement that you really enjoy visiting and explain why it is important to you. (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are an explorer like Finn. Draw a map of your local area on a separate piece of paper and label the most important buildings and natural features you found.