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Dear Parents/Carers of Marine Academy Primary **Year 3** pupils,

Each term, we will send you a letter to let you know what your child will be learning about in each subject. In Term 4, Year 3 will be learning about '**Villages, Towns and Cities**' in their **Geography** lessons and will find answers to the below questions throughout the topic:

1. Where are the world's people?
2. What is a settlement?
3. What affects where people live?
4. How are settlements shaped?
5. What makes up a city?
6. Where are the biggest cities?



Settlements are places where people live and sometimes work. They can be small or large depending on how many people live there and how many facilities there are. A village is small but may have a school, shops, a Post Office and a village hall. A town is larger with lots of houses, primary and secondary schools, as well as sometimes having a railway station and shopping centre. A city is the largest type of settlement, containing lots of buildings and lots of people. They usually have hospitals, sports facilities, universities, shops, offices, many houses and a cathedral. A knowledge organiser sharing all of the information – including key facts, images, diagrams and vocabulary – which the children will learn about is attached. Please feel free to use this with your children to develop their knowledge and understanding at home.



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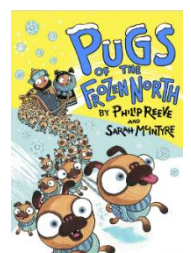
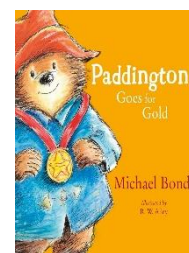
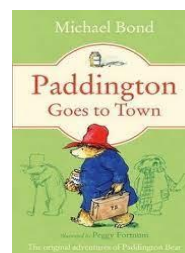
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In **Science**, the children will identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees and will learn about the functions of the different parts including roots, stem, leaves and flowers.

In **English**, the children's writing will be based on the book 'Paddington Goes to Town/Goes for Gold' by Michael Bond and the text 'Poetry Pie' by Roger McGough. In their **Whole Class Reading** sessions, they will be studying 'Pugs of the Frozen North' by Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre.



In **Maths**, children will learn about fractions, including tenths, using fractions as numbers and equivalent fractions. Also, they will study mass and capacity which will involve measuring and comparing units.

In **RE**, the children will explore the question 'What kind of world did Jesus want?' and in **SMSC** (Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural education) the children will learn about 'Rights and Responsibilities'.

In **Design Technology** lessons, the children will construct castles. This term, PE will take place on Wednesdays - children should wear their PE kit on this day please.

If you have any questions about this learning, please email year3@marineacademy.org.uk. We are really looking forward to another great term ahead!

Yours sincerely,

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Knowledge Organiser – Villages, Towns and Cities - Year 3

Vocabulary	Definition
Population	The number of people in a particular place.
Distribution	How something is spread out.
Population density	The number of people per square kilometre.
Settlement	An area where humans live
Village	A small settlement that can have between 100 and approximately 3,000 people.
Town	A mid-sized settlement that can have between 1,000 and 100,000 people.
City	A city is a large settlement that usually has more than 100,000 people.
Megacity	A city with at least 10 million people. 1950 - two megacities (New York and Tokyo) 2010 - 23 megacities 2019 - 33 megacities
Employment	A job
Leisure	Activities that people do in their spare time when they are not working.
Advantage	A positive, good thing about something
Disadvantage	A negative, bad thing about something
Hunter-gatherer	Someone who hunts and collects their food from the wild.
Nomadic people	People who move around from place to place.
Land use	The purpose or use that an area has.

How many people live on Earth?

- Approximately 7.7 billion.
- In 1800, there were approximately 0.8 billion people on Earth.



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Land Use in Cities

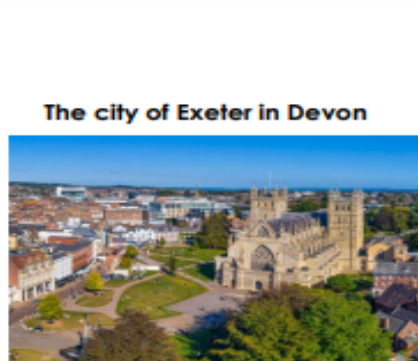
Residential	Housing of all types
Commercial	Businesses, offices and shops
Industrial	Factories, warehouses (large buildings for storage), rubbish and recycling facilities
Transportation	Roads, bus ways, cycling paths, railway lines
Parks and Open Spaces	Big parks for recreation activities such as sports

Differences Between Villages, Towns and Cities

Village	• In the countryside • Some services such as a post office, a small shop and sometimes a small place of worship • There may be a doctors practice and a primary school • Many people are leaving villages to move to towns and cities.
Town	• Services such as primary and secondary schools, train stations, hospitals and shopping centres • Large supermarkets and at least one place of worship
City	• Many different types of services, including universities, sports stadiums and a large variety of shops • Many restaurants, transport links and different places of worship • Many people move to cities because there are more opportunities for employment and leisure.



Kingsbridge town in Devon



The city of Exeter in Devon



Beer village in Devon



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