

# PARENT NOTES

## Geography

Human & Physical Geography:

Using basic geographical vocabulary to refer to features



### At A Glance:

- ✓ Geography
- ✓ Lower Key Stage 2
- ✓ National Curriculum 2014
- ✓ Practises identification of physical and human features in a coastal port area

### About this activity

While on board the Red Funnel ferry, starting from Southampton, students will travel down Southampton Water and cross the Solent to arrive at East Cowes on the Isle of Wight. On the return journey they will have an opportunity to see the same area in reverse order. On the journey students will use their knowledge of physical and human features to annotate a blank outline map by recognising and locating objects on their journey.

Students will also have opportunities to think about and discuss

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Students learn about a specific South-Western coastal environment of the UK while developing and using their knowledge and understanding of physical and human geographical features.

They will practise recognising features and describing them in a real environment.



*“The sea, once it casts its spell, holds one in its net of wonder forever.”*

- Jacques Yves Cousteau

### Questions & Answers

#### What is the task?

- ▶ This is a Geography task which requires children to apply and develop their understanding of physical and human geographical features around us and how to orientate themselves in the world by observing their surroundings and relating them to a map.
- ▶ As a field work activity this resource requires students to be focused and co-operative and to make good use of the teaching that preceded this activity. It will allow them to connect the teaching in the classroom to a real life situation and enhance their observational skills.
- ▶ Post-visit it will give them an opportunity to collate individually all information gained and present it in writing as well as visually, using the full range of geographical knowledge and vocabulary that they have encountered.

#### How does this link to my child's learning?

- ▶ This activity will enhance the children's local knowledge of the UK and encourage comparison with their home environment.
- ▶ It will also re-inforce their understanding of geographical concepts and vocabulary in a real-life context.
- ▶ Like all field work activities, this resource will allow the children to engage with an exciting and new environment in which they can apply and develop their knowledge of the world around them. It will also allow them to develop their team-working skills.

### What will they learn?

- ▶ Children will learn to recognise human and physical features of a landscape in a real life situation.
- ▶ They will learn to relate a map to the actual features in a landscape.

### How does this enrich study undertaken in school?

- ▶ The purpose of teaching geography is to achieve an understanding and knowledge of the complex world around us.
- ▶ A field work activity like this creates and fosters an interest in the world and its many fascinating features by transforming the pages of a text book into real life.

### What do they need to have done in preparation?

- ▶ Practise map reading, understanding of geographical features and directional language in the school environment.
- ▶ Learn how to make notes while being involved in an on-going activity/field work conditions.
- ▶ Learn how express themselves in varied and precise language.
- ▶ Study OS map and satellite views (e.g. Google Earth) of the Southampton and Solent Area.

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- ✓ Team-working experience.

### Helpful Resources

Encourage your child to research Red Funnel ferries, The Solent and Southampton Water **before** their visit

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For further reading about Red Funnel ferries, Southampton Water, The Solent or the Isle of Wight, **wikipedia** offers an excellent range of articles.

This would serve as an ideal introduction for learners prior to their visit, and is suitable for ages 7 upwards.



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