

# BARNABY BEAR'S LOCAL AREA: CHESTER



## Content and skills

This chapter links to unit 1, 'Around our school – the local area', and unit 5, 'Where in the world is Barnaby Bear?' of the QCA Scheme of Work for geography at Key Stage 1. The Resource Gallery for 'Barnaby Bear's local area: Chester' on the CD-ROM, together with the teacher's notes and photocopiable pages in this chapter, can be used when teaching these units.

As with the QCA Scheme of Work, this chapter encourages children to think about their own locality. It also develops their knowledge and understanding of the contrasting locality of Chester. The National Curriculum recognises that studying the local area is the most meaningful and accessible context for young children when beginning to develop geographical ideas and skills. Exploring Barnaby Bear's home locality of Chester will help children to understand how to study their own locality.

The teacher's notes contain background information about the resources and include ways of using them as a whole class, for group work or as individuals. Some of the activities link with other areas of the curriculum, such as literacy and ICT. Wherever possible, the activities encourage the children to ask questions and develop an enquiring approach to their learning.



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## Resources on the CD-ROM

The resources include images of specific locations around Chester, as well as a variety of maps to develop the children's geographical understanding and skills. Barnaby Bear's home and school are also in the resources, so that the children can compare their own locality to Barnaby's. Together, these resources provide a focused locality study of Chester and this approach can be mirrored to build a resource gallery of the children's own locality.

## Photocopiable pages

The photocopiable pages in the book are also provided in PDF format on the CD-ROM and can be printed from there. They include:

- ▶ word cards containing essential vocabulary for the unit
- ▶ a quiz on Chester, which involves the use of maps
- ▶ a study of the River Dee and the use of land around it
- ▶ an activity sheet on local shops
- ▶ a comparison of Chester's bridges
- ▶ an activity sheet on the Old Dee Bridge.

## Geographical skills

This chapter identifies opportunities for developing specific geographical skills, including the use of geographical vocabulary, fieldwork skills, using maps and plans and utilising secondary sources, such as asking and answering geographical questions.

