Ashfield Valley Primary School -Year 1– Geography - Our Local Area – What's it like where we live?

Key Knowledge and Vocabulary

We can explore our local area by using maps and identifying landmarks. Do you know which town you live in?

Map – This is an image of an area such as a city or a country showing its main features.People often use these when travelling.

Map symbols – This makes it easier to find places on a map. There are symbols for places such as schools, post offices and supermarkets.

Street – A public road in a city, town or village. It usually has houses or buildings on one or both sides.

Journey – This is when someone is travelling from one place to another.

Landmark - An object or building of a town that or city that has importance or helps you to identify a location.

Hill – A piece of land that is raised.

Mountain-Land that has steep sides

City – A place where a lot of people live and work

Shop-Where we go to buy things.

House- A shelter where people live. They can be joined together such as terraced and semi - detached. Some are bungalows or detached.

Landmarks and Sights in Rochdale

Rochdale Town Hall

Hollingworth Lake



Can you think of any other landmarks or sights in Rochdale that may be seen on a map?

UK map showing locations



Open Space – Local Park



An **open space** is any open piece of land that is undeveloped. This means it has no buildings or other built structures and is open to the public. These can include:

- Green spaces (parks/community gardens)
- Playgrounds
- Public seating areas