Why do we like to be beside the seaside?

We live in a town called Chippenham in Wiltshire. Where we live is rural and has agricultural (farming) land. We live in-land, not by the coast. We can sort places by the area they are in: seaside, countryside, town or city. Busy towns and cities are highly populated and are known as **urban.**

In England we have many coastal areas which we sometimes call 'the seaside'. Can you name any seaside places that you have visited?

Human and physical geography

| Human features	Physical features
• Deck chair	• Sun
• Bucket and spade	• Sand
• Boats	• Sea
• Lighthouse	• Rockpool
• Beach huts	• Pebbles
• Pier	• Shells
• Ice cream van	• Cave
• Lifebelt	• Cliff
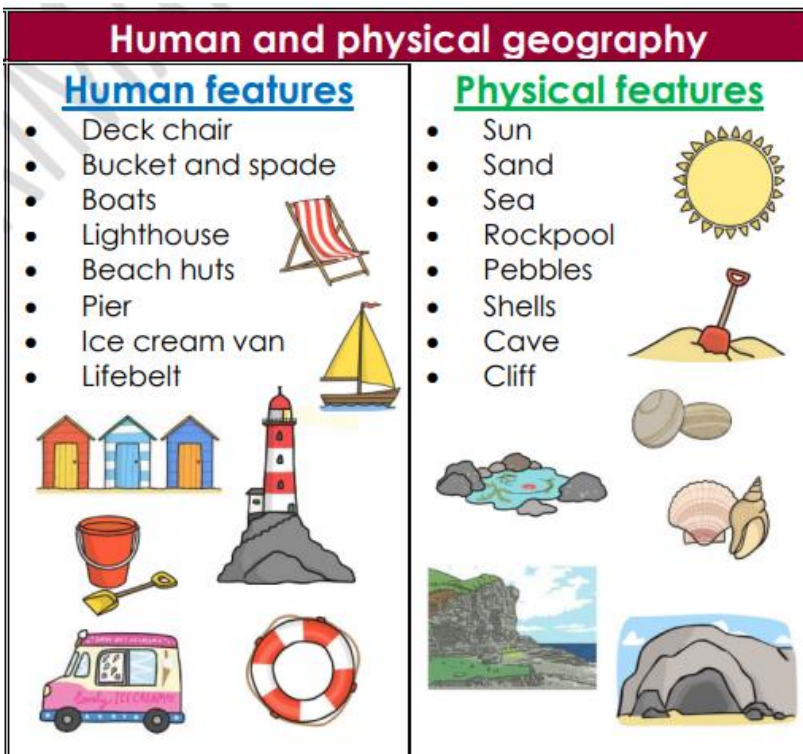
At the seaside we see lots of physical features such as beaches, rocks, the coast, cliffs and the sea. We will see many human features such as houses, a harbour, a port and shops.

People visit the seaside to swim, surf, walk and sail. What do you like to do by the sea? Can you do these things in the place where you live? Why might some people want to live by the sea?

Can you remember the continent that the UK is located in? Which nations make up the UK?

When we talk about the sea, we need to understand that a sea is a large body of salt water that is usually surrounded by land on most sides. An ocean is a much larger expanse of salt water. There are 5 oceans on Earth.
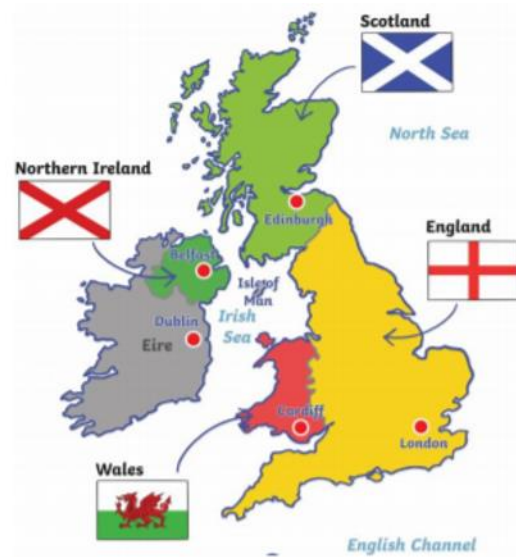
There are 3 main seas surrounding the UK.

- The **English Channel** off the southern coast between England and France.
- The **Irish Sea** between Northern England, Wales and Ireland.
- The **North Sea** between England and Holland/Netherlands.

Key Vocabulary	
seaside	A place by the sea that is usually a beach area or holiday resort.
coastline	Land along the coast.
country	An area of land controlled by a single government e.g. England is a country.
island	An area of land surrounded by water.
mainland	An area of land surrounded by other areas of land.
town	A built-up area that is larger than a village but smaller than a city e.g. St Ives is a seaside town.
map	A diagram that shows the location of continents, countries, cities, roads and specific features in relation to one another.
key	Explains the symbols, numbers and colours that are used on a map.
symbols	Pictures used on a map to represent specific types of places e.g. churches, etc.
compass	A tool with a magnetic pointer inside to show us where North is.

What might you find in a rockpool at the seaside?
The seaside is home to lots of different creatures.