

# Mini Mappers

Gorton is an area of Manchester in North West England, southeast of the city centre. The population at the 2011 census was 36,055. The name 'Gorton' has been said to come from 'Gore Town', due to a nearby battle between Saxons and Danes, but this has been dismissed by historians, who claim the name actually means 'dirty farmstead'. This may come from 'Gore Brook', meaning 'dirty brook'. The brook still runs through Gorton today, and may have been discoloured by peat, giving the water a dirty appearance and, therefore, the name. Gorton is our local area and also where Abbey Hey Primary Academy is.

## Key facts

- There are 7 continents, Asia, Africa, Antarctica, Australia, Europe, North America, South America
- There are 5 Oceans, Pacific, Atlantic, Indian, Southern, Arctic
- The climates in the 4 regions of the UK are North is colder than South and West is wetter than East
- Hot & cold places in the world  
Hot: The equator  
Cold: The North Pole and South Pole
- The highest mountain in each UK country are:  
Scotland: Ben Nevis (1,344m)  
Wales: Snowdon (1,085m)  
England: Scafell Pike (978m)  
Northern Ireland: Slieve Donard (849m)
- The 3 longest rivers in England are:  
Severn (354km)  
Thames (346km)  
Trent (297km)

## Key Vocabulary:

Mountain	A large steep hill
River	A large flow of water, that crosses land, heading towards the ocean
Lake	A large area of water, surrounded by land
Capital	Country A nation with its own government
Government	A group of people who make decisions about a country
Ocean	One of the 5 largest areas of salt water in the world
County	An area of the UK (smaller than a country)
Continent	1 of 7 large areas of land on Earth that is joined together
Climate	The weather in a place over time
Equator	An imaginary line around the middle of the Earth at an equal distance from the North and South poles
Office	A set of rooms used as a place of work
Shop	A building where products are sold
Sky scraper	A very tall building where people live or work
Port	A town or city with a harbour
Harbour	A safe place for ships to load and unload
London	The capital city of England
Edinburgh	The capital city of Scotland
Cardiff	The capital city of Wales
Belfast	The capital city of Northern Ireland

## Prior Learning

year 1:

- Use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of their school and its grounds

## Following on:

Year 3:

- Name and locate the counties and cities of the United Kingdom, geographical regions and their identifying human and physical characteristics, key topographical features and land use patterns and understand how some of these aspects have changed over time.
- Identify different types of settlement.

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