



# Investigating Our Local Area

## Unit 5 – What is it like

To do these tasks you need to use the Internet website called **MapsDirect**.

- 1 Use Maps Direct to find a map showing your school and the land around it.
- 2 If your school is not in the centre of the screen, click on *Pan*. Click and hold in the school and drag it to the centre of the screen.
- 3 Make sure the scale is 1:2500
- 4 Click on *Floodfill*, and then click on your school.
- 5 On paper draw the shape of the school in the middle. You are going to show how the land is used.
  - a. Draw the roads near the school.
  - b. Use a symbols or colour to show where the areas of houses are
  - c. Use other symbols or colours to show other buildings, sports facilities, fields, woods etc
- 6 Make a key for your map to show what your symbols or colours represent.
- 7 Tick the physical (natural) features you can see on the map.

Sea	River
Hills	Fields/fens
Woods/forest	Ponds

- 8 Tick the human (man-made) features you can see on the map.

Houses	School
Church	Roads
Railway	Shops
Hospital	Pub
Museum	Town Hall
Sports Facilities	Farm

- 9 *Zoom to scale*. Type in 5000. Click on *Go*. Tick any new features you see.
- 10 *Zoom to scale*. Type in 10000. Click on *Go*. Tick any new features.
- 11 *Zoom to scale*. Type in 20000. Click on *Go*. Tick any new features.
- 12 Look at the map. Is the land use mainly natural or mainly man-made?

