

# Geography: How does the geography of Kampong Ayer compare with Handsworth?

Year 2 Summer 1

## Key Facts

### Why should we learn about Kampong Ayer?

Learning about Kampong Ayer will allow you to make comparisons between your life and the people who live in this small diverse community. You will explore their transport, homes and school, and examine how the physical geography affects them. By learning about their lives, you will recognise that there are more similarities than differences between us.

- Kampong Ayer is in the continent of Asia. It is located in the small country of **Brunei** (with the same land area as Devon and the same population as the city of Bristol in the United Kingdom) which is situated on the island of **Borneo**. Part of the neighbouring countries of **Malaysia** and **Indonesia** are also located on the island of Borneo.
- **Kampong Ayer** is a 'water village' built in the middle of a wide river. In fact, it is the largest water village in the world. Approximately 30,000 people live there in about 4000 dwellings. Because Kampong Ayer is near the sea, the river in which it has been built is affected by tides. At high tide, the river can be three metres higher than at low tide when a lot of mud is uncovered. Strong winds can quite often cause large waves on the river. Very heavy rain storms are another problem that Kampong Ayer has to cope with.
- The most common way to travel is by 'water taxi' which are small wooden boats that take you from one place to another.

## Website Links

<https://www.orangutan.org.uk/blog/orangutan-stories-timtom>

<https://www.worldwildlife.org/places/borneo-and-sumatra>

## Why don't you...

- Use the website links above to learn more about the natural environment of Kampong Ayer and the animals that live there?
- Design a new house that could be in Kampong Ayer? Think carefully about what it would need.
- Write a letter to a child who lives in Kampong Ayer, describing what your house is like?



## Key Vocabulary

- Equator** – An invisible line around the planet. Places on or around the Equator receive the most direct sunlight.
- Population** - The people who live in a particular area.
- Settlement** - A place, typically one which has previously been uninhabited, where people establish a community.
- Transport** - Take or carry (people or goods) from one place to another by means of a vehicle, aircraft, or ship.
- Tropical Rainforest** – A rainforest habitat found on or around the Equator. The climate there is hot and wet all year round.

## Enquiry Questions

- How does the location of Kampong Ayer compare with where I live?
- How do people's homes in Kampong Ayer compare with mine?
- How do people in Kampong Ayer travel around compared with where I live?
- How does going to school in Kampong Ayer compare with Athelstan?
- How does the natural environment of Kampong Ayer compare with where I live?
- How are Kampong Ayer and Handsworth similar and different?

## Geographical Skills

- Describe human features of own locality, such as the jobs people do.
- Explain what facilities a town or village might need.
- Use basic geographical vocabulary to describe key human and physical features.

## Geographical Concepts

**Place** – having a 'sense of place' – simply put, what is the place like?

**Space** - How natural and man-made places fit together in the jigsaw of the world. We need to look at the significance of location and spatial distribution, and ways people organise and manage the spaces that we live in.