

# Geography • London: Where We Live *Canal Life*

**Key Learning Question:** Why do some Londoners choose to live on the Canal?



## Crucial Knowledge

We are getting better at investigating places:

- Our world is made up of physical and human features.
- Rivers are physical (natural) and canals are human (man-made) features.
- Canals were built to allow the transport of goods across UK via boats.
- Jubilee's local canal is the Lea Navigation, which is a river that has been "canalized".
- The Lea Navigation runs from North to South along the East of Springfield Park.
- The River Thames, Grand Union Canal, Regents Canal, River Lee Navigation are the main waterways in London.
- London is not an urban city but was once mostly rural.
- More than 10,000 people live on canal boats across London for different reasons.



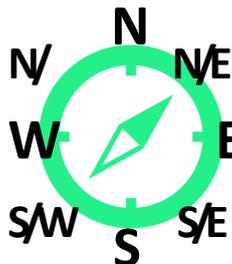
## Key Vocabulary

We are getting better at communicating geographically

- Borough:** There are 32 boroughs in London. Each have local leaders and their own communities.
- Counties:** A county is usually made up of towns and the rural areas that surround them.
- Towpath:** A road or path that is on the bank of the river or canal. This path allows you to "tow" a boat.
- Lock:** A device that is used for moving a boat from one water level to another. This is done by raising or lowering the water level.
- Rural:** Things that are often seen in the countryside.
- Urban:** Things that are often seen in the city.
- Human features:** Things in our surroundings that are built by humans, such as houses, roads, canals and railways.
- Physical features:** Earth's natural features, such as mountains, rivers, deserts and oceans.

We are getting better at investigating patterns:

**Big Ideas:** Mapping (OS) • Fieldwork • Countries, cities & features of the UK • Compass directions (8 points) • Human geographical features



**Eight Point Compass:**

**N/E** = Northeast

**S/E** = Southeast

**S/W** = Southwest

**S/E** = Southeast



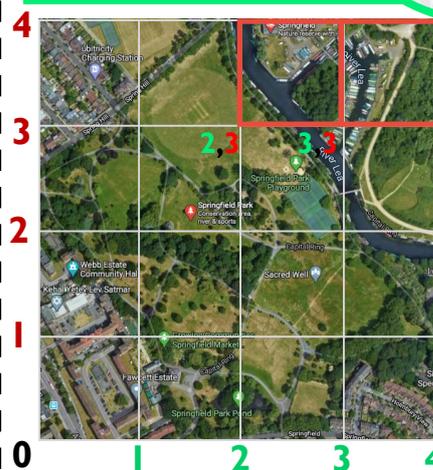
## Location Maps



### London Canal Life



### Map of London Waterways



### Map of Springfield Park and River Lea

The grid references **2,3** and **3,3** shows the Lea Valley Marina

## We Are Building Our Knowledge From

- London – Our School (Y1)
- London - Out & About in Hackney (Y2)

## This will help when we learn about

- London – Pollution (Y5)
- London - Global city (Y6)