# Year 5 Learning Units

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<td>About how and why Early Man was constantly on the move and how the first settlements began.</td>
<td>About how man and nature affect life on &quot;Our Planet&quot; and how we can act to protect the environment.</td>
<td>How and why man has explored throughout history, and understand the ongoing effect this has had on our lives.</td>
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## Essential Skills:

### To be able to...

- Find out about aspects of the past from a range of sources.
- Describe and identify reasons for, and results of events, situations and changes in history.
- Place the events, people and changes they have studied into chronological order.
- Map the migration of man across the world’s continents.
- Locate the early civilizations of Mesopotamia, Ancient Egypt, The Indus Valley and Ancient China (Xia Dynasty).

## Essential Knowledge:

### To know...

- How man came into existence and where this fits in the “timeline” of life on earth.
- About the different species of human.
- How man evolved from a nomadic to sedentary lifestyle and the subsequent changes that resulted.
- About the evolution of man’s use of tools, fire, materials, writing, agriculture.
- About some of the Early Civilizations: Mesopotamia, Ancient Egypt, The Indus Valley, and Ancient China (Xia Dynasty).
- That early settlements had specific features and were located in response to physical features and human choice.

### To know...

- What pollution is and in what forms it exists.
- The effect of pollution on the local and global environment.
- What the greenhouse effect is and how too many greenhouse gases can cause global warming.
- What the ozone layer is and how it has been damaged.
- How we use natural and man-made resources and give some examples.
- How we are affected by our dependence on natural resources.
- How we can act to protect our planet.
- The various sources of alternative energy.

### To know...

- The main events and dates of major explorations and how and where to place these on a timeline.
- About the lives of explorers in those periods of exploration.
- That there are different views about explorations.
- Ways in which past, present and future exploration affects our daily lives - Language, religion, food, culture, scientific discovery.

### To know...

- The different types of natural disasters that exist.
- What causes these natural disasters to take place.
- The impact of these natural disasters on the lives of people.
- Where natural disasters most commonly occur and why.
- That natural disasters can be caused by animals and plants.
- About major natural disasters that have occurred in the past.
- How man can protect himself from natural disasters.
- About the future risks of natural disasters as a result of Global Warming.