

What makes us special?

Key Questions

Where is our school?
What surrounds it?

How is our school set out? Why?
How is land used around our school?

How could we improve where we live?
Which symbols are effective to use on a map?

Geography

Key Vocabulary

map
symbol
scale
navigate
location
direction
aerial
surround
layout
symbol
compass

Prior Learning What do I already know? What can I already do?	New Sticky Knowledge What will I learn?	New Skills What new skills will I develop? What will I learn to do?
Recognise basic features on a map Read simplified maps of the school Create plans and basic keys Use some positional terms Begun to use the points of the compass Draw simple picture maps	The four points of the compass: North, South, East, West The spatial layout of our school: its site (what is there) and situation (what surrounds it) The buildings and points of interest around our school. Different routes people take to reach our school, and what they pass along the way	To examine aerial photographs To use the four points of the compass How to navigate around the school grounds To collect and organise simple data To use symbols, colour codes and keys on maps To create simple maps

What is a Map?

A map is a drawing of an actual place that uses lines and **symbols** to represent real-life objects. People have used maps for hundreds of years to help them travel from place to place.

Types of Maps

There are many different types of maps, such as:

- Sketch maps**
- Road maps
- Ordnance Survey** maps
- Climate** maps

Maps are usually drawn from an **aerial view**. We can look at **aerial** photographs to see the main **physical** and **human** features of places. **Aerial** photos are photos taken by aircraft or other flying objects, e.g. drones. A satellite photo is taken from a satellite in space.

Key Features

Key features of maps include: a title, a **compass rose**, **symbols**, a **key** and different colours for important things, such as green for forests and blue for rivers.

Compass Directions

People use a **compass** to help them position and use a map accurately. The main points of a **compass** are north, south, east and west.



Planning a Route

When planning a journey using a map, people think about the quickest or safest **route**.



Woodland	River
Moor Land	Viewpoint
Lake	Castle
Contour Line	Church
Road	Water Fowl
Woodland Boundary	

