



Knowledge Organiser

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Enquiry Question

Why are maps important?

Substantive Knowledge (key facts)

- Aerial photos are taken from above a location.
- Landmarks are places of importance in a location.
- A map is drawing of an area from above.
- We use maps to help plan routes and places we are looking for.
- A key on a map uses symbols to show where something is.
- Human features: A feature that has been made by humans such as houses, harbours, factories etc.
- Physical features: A feature that has been formed by nature such as mountains, forests, beaches etc.

What should I already know?

- I can identify basic symbols on a map e.g. schools, churches
- I know that maps are used to show us where things are.

Concept



Geography skills I am practising

- Use class agreed symbols on simple map.
- Use a plan and infant atlas to help create simple maps.
- Recognise landmarks and basic human and physical features; and use and construct basic symbols in a key.
- Use simple compass directions (North, South, East and West) and locational and directional language [for example, near and far; left and right], to describe the location of features and routes on a map and the key human and physical features of its environment
- Use aerial photographs

Sequence of learning

1)	Understand what a map is and why it is important.
2)	Understand that aerial photos are taken from above a location and how they relate to maps
3)	Identify landmarks and understand their importance in a location.
4)	Learn how to use maps to plan routes and find places.
5)	Understand how to use a key on a map to identify symbols.
6)	Identify human and physical features on maps.



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Key vocabulary

Tier 2

- **Route:** The way or path from one place to another.
Example: We planned our route on the map.
- **Symbol:** A picture or shape that stands for something else.
Example: A tree symbol on a map shows where a park is.
- **Key:** A list that explains the symbols on a map.
Example: The map key shows what each symbol means.
- **Feature:** An important part or characteristic of something.
Example: The river is a physical feature on the map.
- **Direction:** The way that someone or something is moving or facing.
Example: The map shows the direction to the school.
- **Location:** A particular place or position.
Example: The location of the library is on the map.

Tier 3

- **Aerial Photo:** A picture taken from above, usually from an airplane.
Example: An aerial photo shows the town from the sky.
- **Landmark:** A recognizable natural or man-made feature used for navigation.
Example: The clock tower is a landmark in our town.
- **Topography:** The arrangement of the natural and artificial physical features of an area.
Example: The topography of the area includes hills and rivers.
- **Scale:** The relationship between the distance on a map and the actual distance on the ground.
Example: The scale shows how far places are in real life.