

Dear Parents,

Our next topic is What is a Map?
Please help your children to prepare for this topic by helping them to learn some of the key words (in purple) and the facts on this sheet.

There are some homework activities on the back of this sheet. Your child can complete these at any time. Your child's teacher would love to see what they have created.

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards,

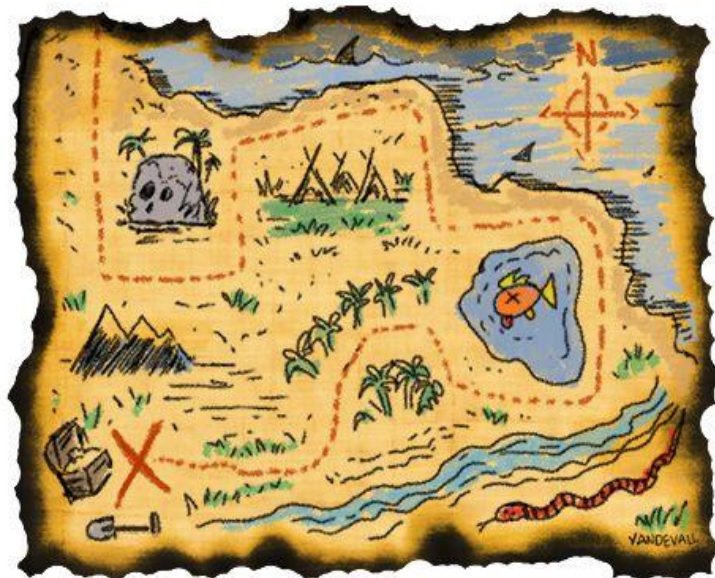
Year 1



Year 1 - Geography/History Topic

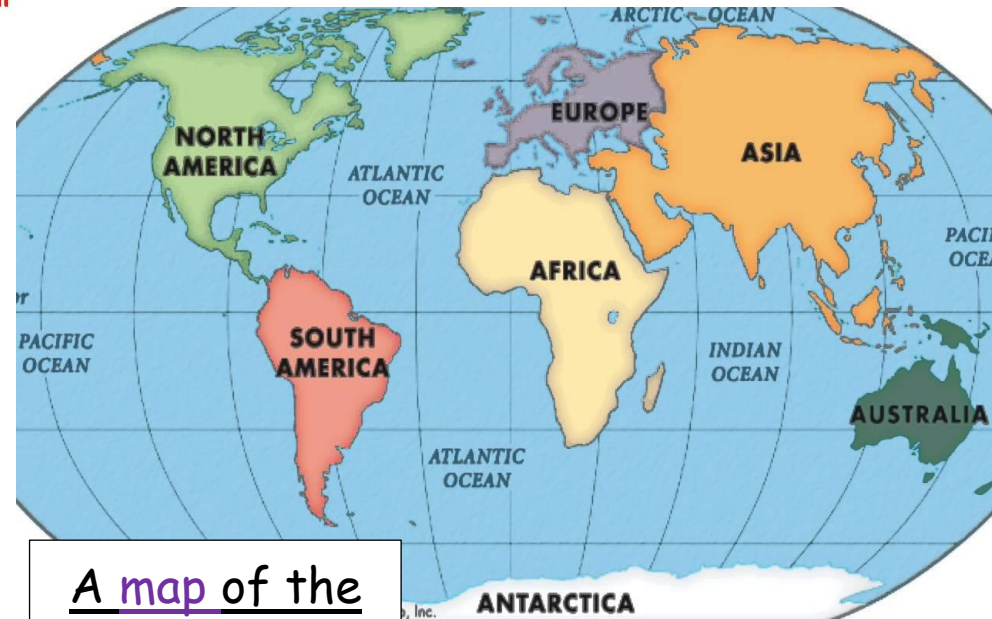


A treasure map



Where is the treasure buried?

What else can you see on this map?



A map of the world

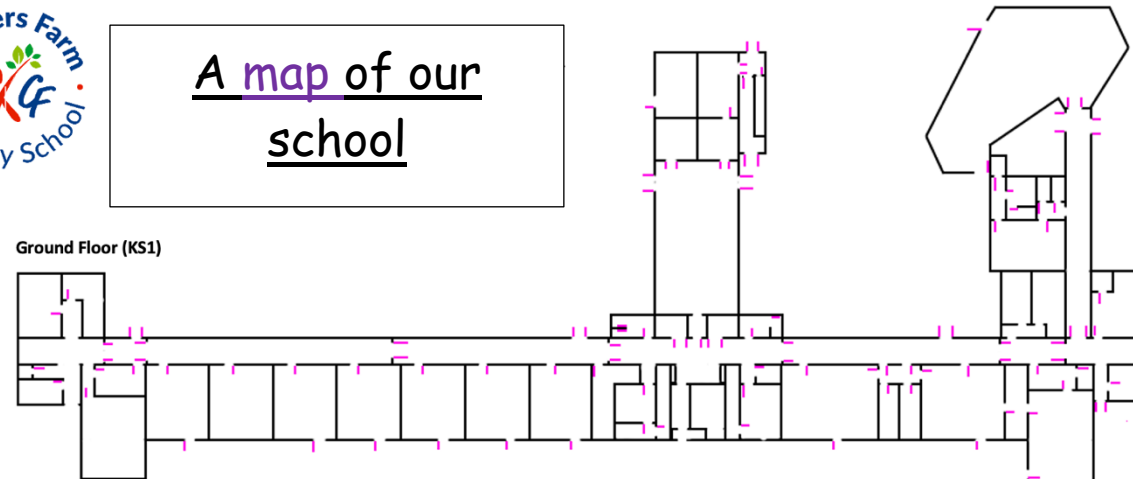
The world has seven **continents**. Can you name them all?

Which **continent** do we live in?

Can you name any of the 5 oceans?



A map of our school



Can you find your classroom?

Useful Words

atlas - A book which contains lots of maps.

birds eye view - Looking down on an area or object from high up.

cartographer - A person who draws maps.

continents - Large areas which have lots of countries in them.

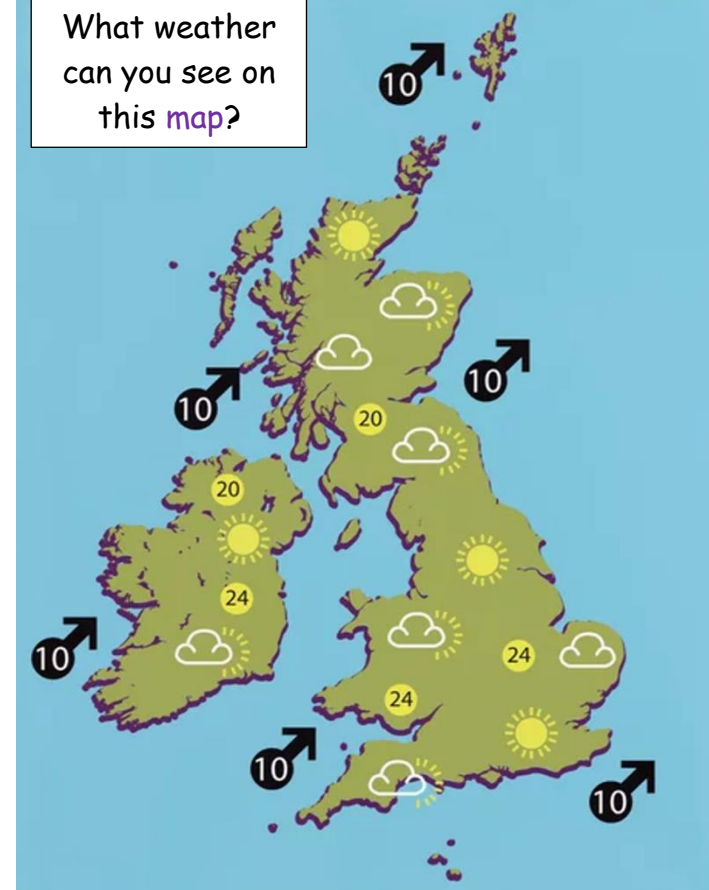
compass - A tool for helping you find direction.

key - Tells you what pictures or symbols on a map mean.

map - A picture of the whole or part of an area.

ocean - A large area of water.

What weather can you see on this map?



A weather map



A compass

A **compass** shows direction. There are four main directions on a compass north, south, east and west. The needle on a **compass** always points north.

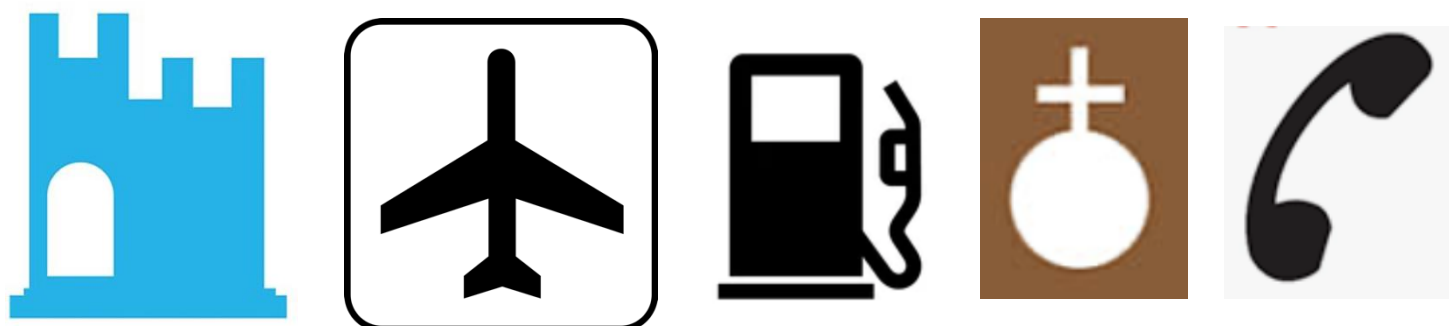
What words you think N, E, S, W stand for?



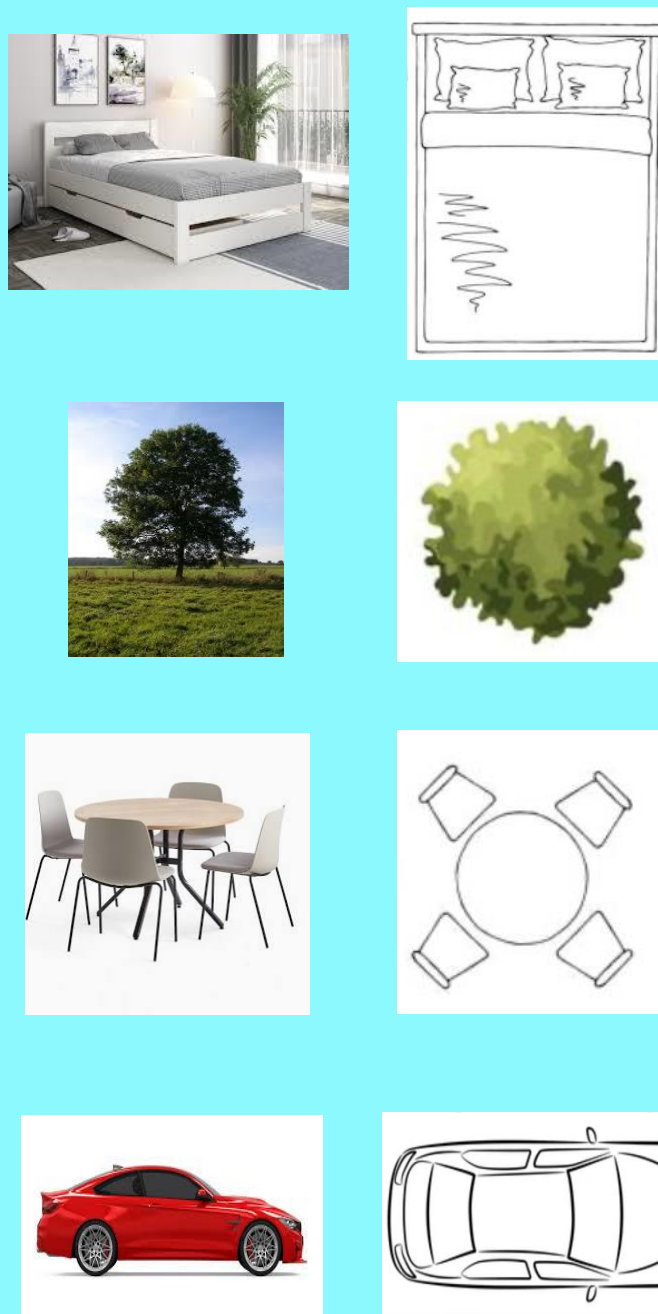
- Tree
- Sandpit
- Flowerbed
- Slide
- Climbing Frame
- Swings
- Pond
- Path

A **key** helps us to know what pictures on a map mean.

Can you guess what do these symbols mean?

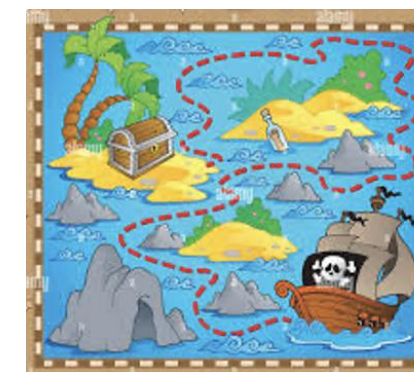


When drawing **maps**, we usually draw objects from a **birds eye view**. This means we draw them showing what they look like from high above them.



Homework Ideas

(1) Draw your own treasure map.



(2) Create a weather map showing what the weather is.



(3) Create a model compass.



(4) Draw what different objects would look like from a birds eye view.

(5) Make your own key symbols.



Bus stop Camping area Car park