

Geography

Home learning- Week 5

Overview for parents

This week we would like you to take a walk with your child and then draw a map to show your route. At school we have already drawn 2 maps. First, in Autumn term we made junk model of the school which we turned into a map of the school. Then some of you may remember our local area walk, which we later turned into a map. We have introduced directional language North, South, East and West, and keys, but not all children have used these features in a map.

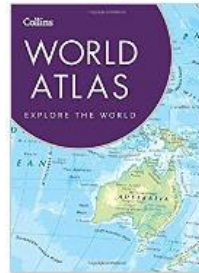
We love hearing about all of the fun things you have been getting up to over the last few weeks. We know many of you are going on walks of your local area. We would like to see what route you take on your walk.

How could you show us where you go on your walk?



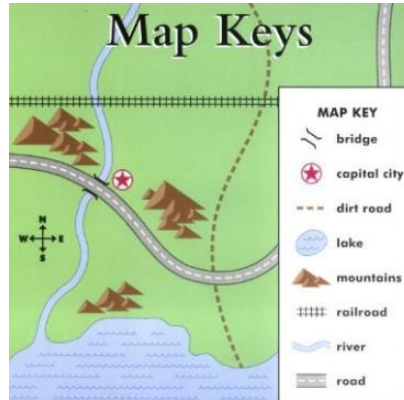
You could draw a map!

Try and think of some of the different maps we have made at school, and some of the different maps you have seen.

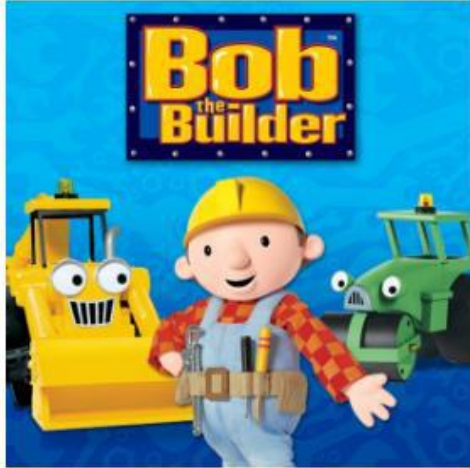


What are the features of a map?

- Human features
- Physical features
- Key
- Directions



Human features



A geographical feature which humans have made.

Can we build it?

Can you think of any more?



Physical features



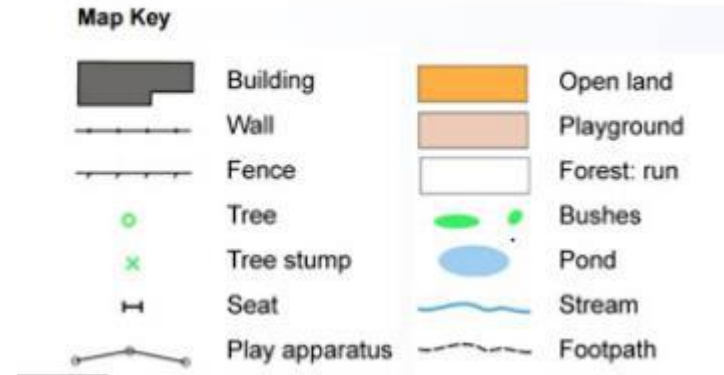
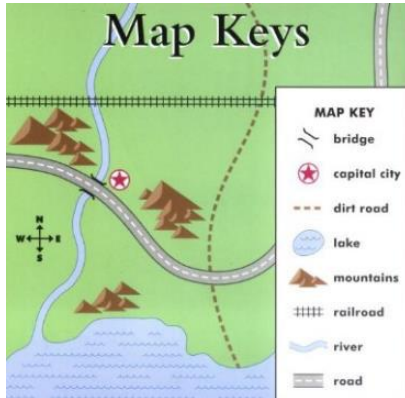
Geographical
features which are
natural and not
made by people.



Can you think of any
more?

Key

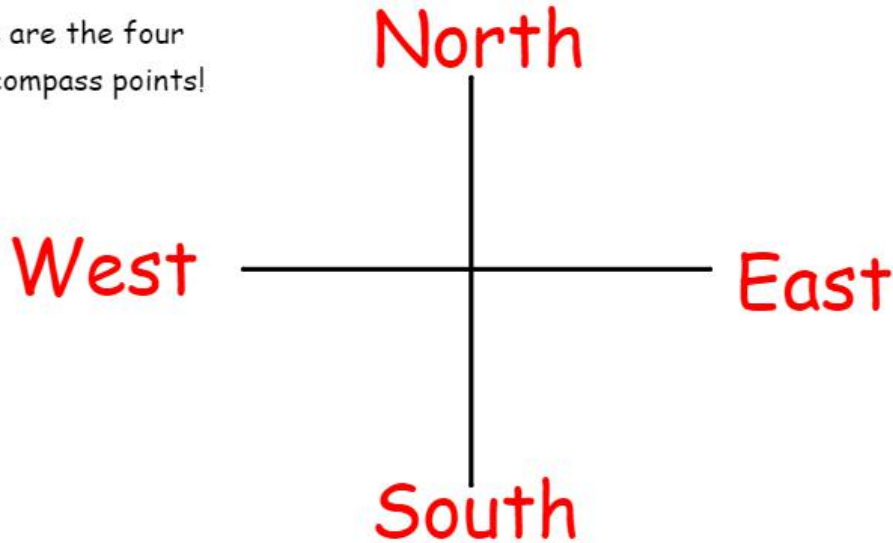
A key uses symbols or colours to show something on a map, instead of drawing it out realistically. For example, we can use triangles to show trees and squares to show houses. We could colour in human features in one colour, and physical in another colour. You need to include your key next to your map so people know what your symbols mean.



Directions

There are 4 main directions when we draw a map. You have heard these words before.

These are the four
main compass points!



Top tip- You could play a quick direction game with a parent or sibling. One of you calls a direction and the other has to run to that side of the room.

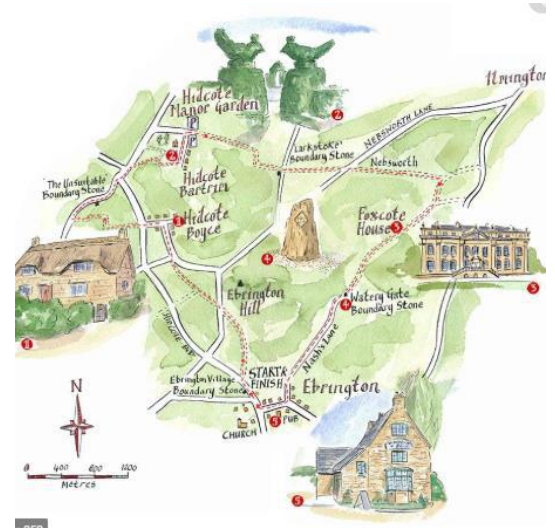
Compass

A compass shows us which way we are going, using the 4 directions, North, South, East and West. You can buy compasses, but now we usually have them on our phones.



Using a compass for maps

A map will usually include a picture of a compass in one of the corners, so you know which direction to look at the map, and which direction to walk in. If you have a compass then you could use it when you are out for your walk, and even make note of which direction you walk in!

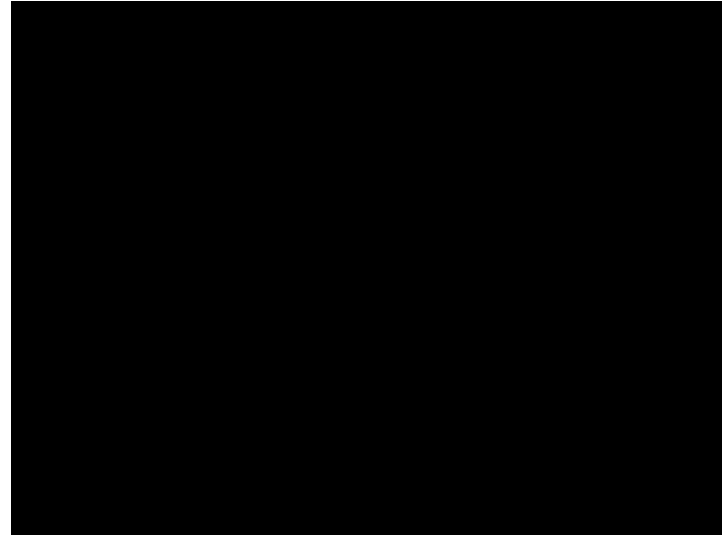


Activity 1- Go for your walk

If you are able to, we would like you to take a short walk of your local area. You can bring a compass or your phone compass, and draw, make notes or even take photos as you go.

You will use these notes and photos to help you draw up your map later on.

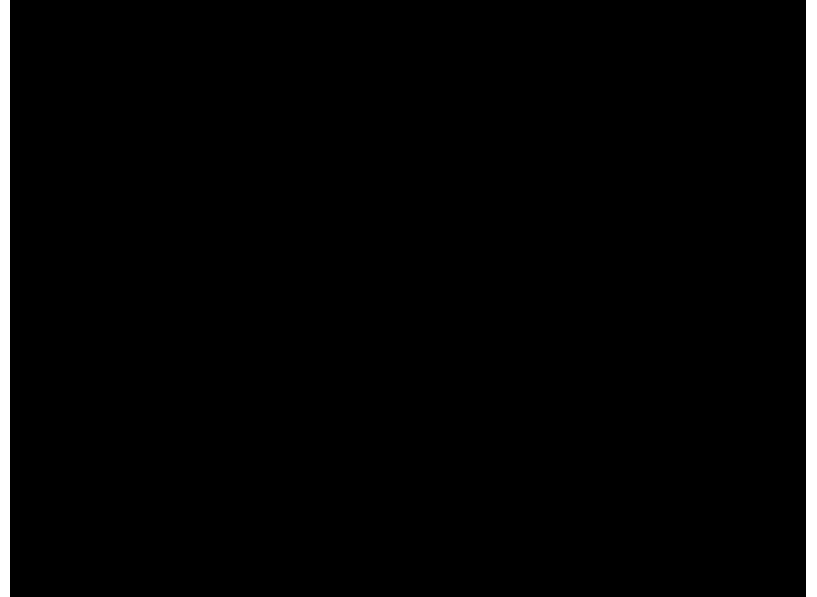
If you are unable to go on a walk then you could make a map of your house or room.



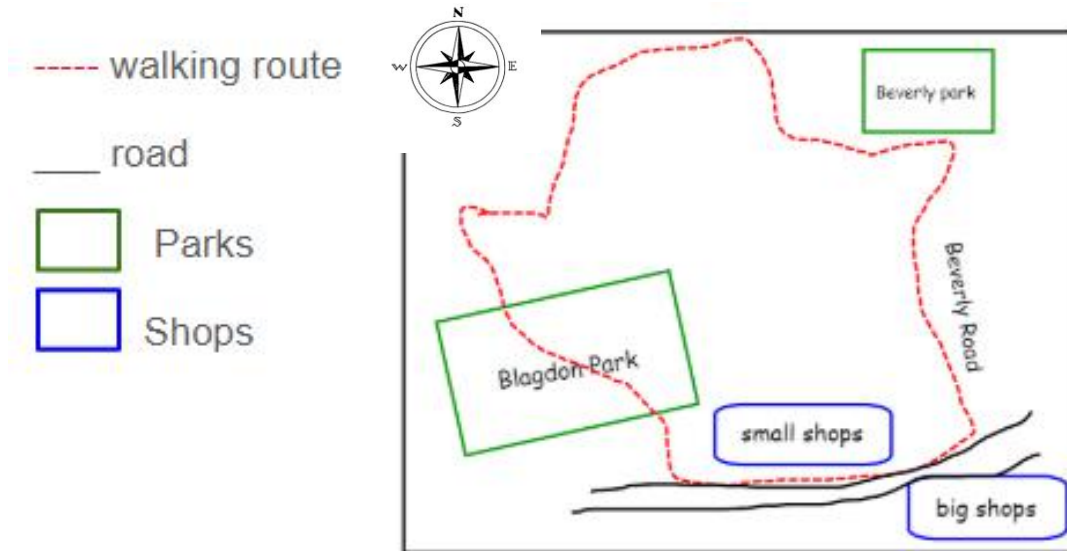
Activity 2- Draw your map

Now it is time to draw your map. You will need to use your notes from your walk to help you. Remember to use a key and symbols to show houses, trees and roads. You could also add in a compass and show which directions you took.

If you are finding it tricky to draw a map, why not try making your route out of lego or blocks first! Then you can draw your map using your model.



This was our map from our local area walk in the Spring term. As an extra challenge, you could colour code the human and physical features!



Here is some work from last years Year 1 children.

