







Fieldwork and mapping

Year 2

Key Vocabulary		What Is a Map?	Types of Maps	
sketch map	A simple map with only basic details.	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.	There are many different types of maps, such as: Sketch maps Road maps Ordnance Survey maps Climate maps	
key	Helps us understand map symbols. Also known as a legend.			
compass rose	This is printed on a map to show different directions.	Key Features	Compass Directions	Planning a Route
map symbol	A picture or a sign on a map that represents something else.	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.	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.	When planning a journey using a map, people think about the quickest or safest route .
Ordnance Survey	A survey organisation in the UK which prepares very detailed maps of the country.			
route	A way of getting from a start point to a finish point.			
compass	A tool which shows people which direction they are travelling in and helps them find their way.			
climate	The usual weather conditions of an area.			

Key Vocabulary		Using an Atlas	Did you know?	
atlas	A collection of maps in one book.	An atlas shows maps of continents , countries, oceans and the physical features of a place. Its contents page shows a list of all the maps and the page that they can be found on. The index page lists, in alphabetical order, all of the countries, cities and towns that can be found in the atlas and shows which page number to look on.	A map maker is called a cartographer.	
continent	A very large area of land that includes all the islands with it. There are seven continents : Africa, Antarctica, Australasia, Asia, Europe, North America and South America.		The oldest maps were made on clay tablets.	
ocean	A large area of salt water. There are five oceans : the Arctic, Atlantic, Indian, Pacific and Southern Oceans .	Physical Features	An Aerial View	More About Maps
physical feature	A feature that has been formed by nature.	Atlases show us the physical features of a place. These can include forests, lakes and rivers. On the index page beside the page number, there is sometimes a letter that tells you the kind of feature it is, e.g. m = mountain and r = river. 	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.	Did You Know...? Maps cannot possibly show everything. They are drawn to scale. Seas are smaller areas of water than oceans . They are found where the land and water meet. 
aerial view	A view from above. Also known as a 'bird's-eye' view.			
human feature	A feature that has been made or changed by humans, e.g. bridges.			