

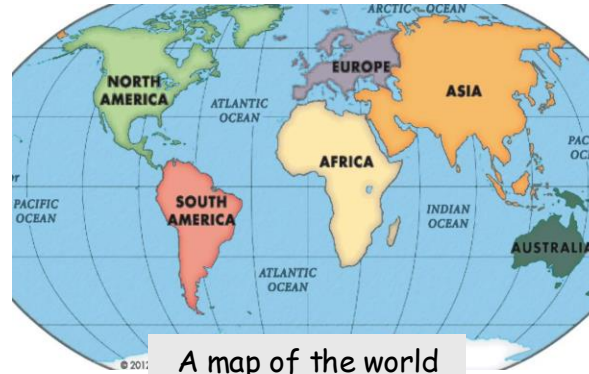


# What is a map?



## Vocabulary

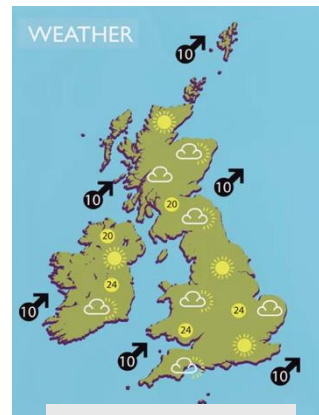
<b>Ariel View</b>	Looking down on an object or area from high up in the sky.
<b>atlas</b>	A book which contains lots of maps.
<b>Birds eye view</b>	Looking down on an area or object from high up.
<b>cartographer</b>	A person who draws maps
<b>continents</b>	Large areas which have lots of countries in them.
<b>compass</b>	A tool for helping you find direction.
<b>globe</b>	A map of the world made in the shape of a ball.
<b>key</b>	Tells you what pictures or symbols on a map mean.
<b>location</b>	A place or position
<b>map</b>	A picture of the whole or part of an area.
<b>ocean</b>	A large area of water.
<b>seasons</b>	One of the four periods of the year; spring, summer, autumn, or winter
<b>scale</b>	The relation between the real size of something and its size on a map, model, or diagram
<b>symbol</b>	A sign, shape, or object that is used to represent something else
<b>weather</b>	The conditions in the air in a place e.g. - wind, rain, or temperature.



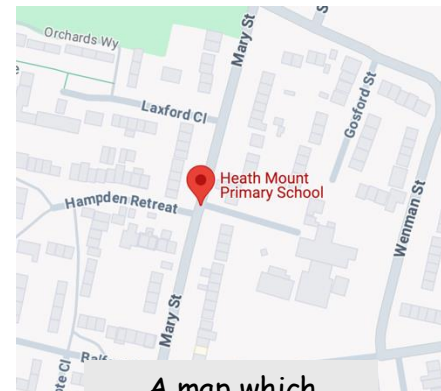
A map of the world



A globe which shows a map of the world



A weather map



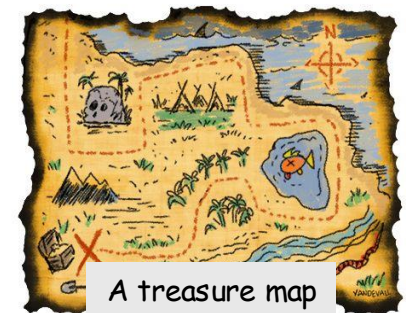
A map which shows our school

Dear Parents,

Our first Humanities topic is a Geography unit about 'What is a map?'. Please help your children to prepare for this topic by learning some of the key words 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 Teachers

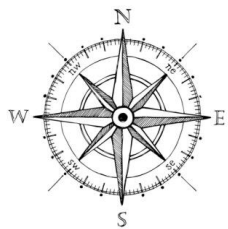


A treasure map

**Maps** are 2-D drawings of our world from above or a 'bird's eye view'.

They help us find our way around and show where different places are in relation to each other (direction and distance).

Maps can show small or large areas: from room plans to world maps.



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.

**N - North, E - East, S - South, W - West**

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

**Symbols** are used on maps to represent different features.



Examples of map symbols:



train station



place of worship



parking



picnic site



golf course



cycle trail



information



visitor centre



Bus stop

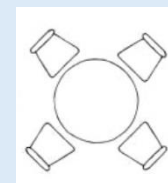


Camping area



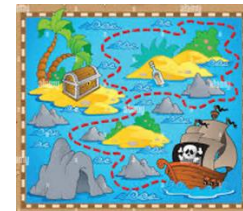
Car park

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:

- Draw your own treasure map.



- Create a weather map showing what the weather is.



- Create a model compass.



- Draw what different objects would look like from a birds eye view.
- Make your own key symbols.