

Year 1/2 Geography Knowledge Organiser – Mapping Skills

Vocabulary

1	map	Is a drawing of an actual place that uses lines and symbols to represent real-life objects.
2	sketch	Is a quick, simple drawing.
3	map symbol	A picture or a sign on a map that represents something real like a school or a road.
4	key	A box on a map that explains what different symbols and colours on the map mean.
5	route	A path or a way of getting from a start point to a finish point.
6	compass	A tool which show people which direction they are travelling in and helps them find their way.
7	compass rose	a symbol on a map that shows the four main directions: North, South, East, and West,
8	atlas	A book full of maps that show different places on Earth like countries, continents and oceans.

Key knowledge

- Key features of maps:** A title, a compass, symbols, a key and different colours for important things such as green for forests and blue for rivers.
- Planning a route:** When planning a journey using a map, people think about the quickest or safest route.
- A sketch map:** A simple drawing of a map. It has basic shapes for buildings and show important places.
- Atlas:** An atlas is a book that you use to locate countries, continents and oceans around the world. Atlases have a compass rose that shows where North, East, South and West are.

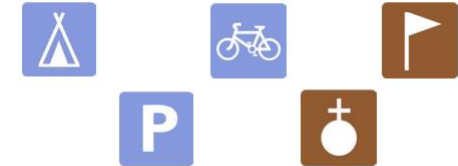
Compass rose



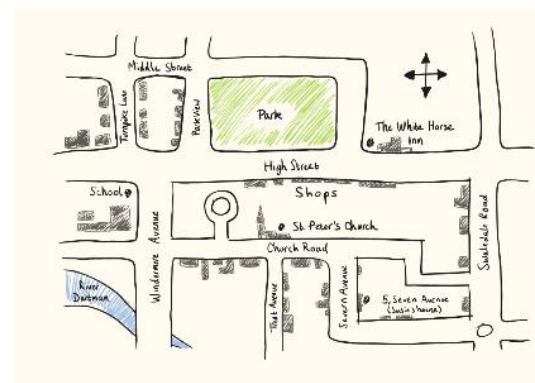
compass



symbols



sketch map



key

