

Geography Year 1 Autumn Term Little Explorers

Prior Learning: Exploring maps and the local area including school grounds in Year R

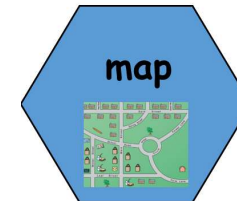
Theme: Little Explorers – Our School

Concept: Place

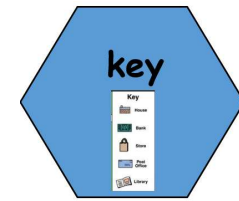
Children will learn about the classroom, school and local area using aerial photos, aerial plans and maps. They will create their own maps and plans.



Words we will know!



A plan of a specific area



A guide to explain the symbols on a map

1. About our local area

TWAL: To use maps to identify features of the local area

Children will talk about the local area they live in. They will think about the features of the area and which they like and dislike (could use photos of a toy in different places). Using google maps and digimaps, the children will look at the local area and describe the features they can see.

4. Our school

TWAL: to use an aerial plan of the school



Children will look at an aerial plan of the school and talk about the different places they know. Children will explore using their plan and adding information to it.



An aerial plan looks down from above.

2. Our classroom

TWAL: To create an aerial plan of the classroom



Children will talk about the classroom and the features they can see using locational language (The sink is opposite the window). Children will learn what aerial photos are and then look at creating an aerial plan (could be practically with classroom resources).



An aerial photo is taken from above.

5. Creating a map

TWAL: to create a map and key

Using a variety of simple maps, children will discuss what a map is and how it might help us. They will identify the key and its purpose. Children will create their own map and key.

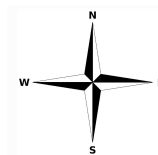


A map shows us where places are. A key explains the symbols on the map

3. Compass directions

TWAL: to use the compass directions north, south, east and west

Children will be introduced to the four main points of the compass and will practically explore using these to give directions and move around.



We use 4 compass points (north, south, east and west) to give directions

6. Using a map

TWAL: To use compass directions to describe a route

After recapping the compass directions, children will learn to describe a route on a simple map. They will refer to the maps they created and describe a route to a different place.



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