



Year 2 Geography Knowledge Organiser Term 4 2024

What Is a Map?

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.

We will be learning about compass directions, differentiating between human and physical features and seeing how maps have symbols to represent these features.

Key Features

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.

Woodland	River
Moor Land	Viewpoint
Lake	Castle
Contour Line	Church
Road	Water Fowl
Woodland Boundary	

Compass Rose



We will be drawing our own maps following a field trip around Wellington.

Physical Features

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.



An Aerial View

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.

Vocabulary

- Aerial
- Compass
- Differentiate
- Directions
- East
- Human feature
- Key
- Key features
- Landmarks
- Location
- North
- Orient
- Physical feature
- Represent
- South
- Symbol
- West

We will be looking at aerial photographs and comparing them to Google maps to see if we can match them up and orient them.

