

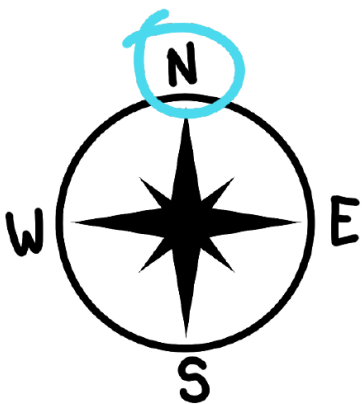
Key Words

In this unit, students will learn about maps and how to use them. They will explore the different parts of a map, like symbols, the key, and the compass rose. They will also learn how to describe places on a map using directions. Students will have fun creating their own simple maps of places they know well. They will use their map-reading skills to find their way around the school and nearby areas. By the end of the unit, students will understand why maps are important in our daily lives.

Map	A specially draw picture of a place from above
Symbol	A picture that represents a group of words use on maps to make things clearer
House	A building that people live in

The Compass

A compass tells you which way is north, east, south, and west. The needle always points to north, and you use it to figure out which way you are facing.



Buildings in our local area

Buildings in the local area could be used for lots of different things. Some of these could be...



school



offices



railway station



country park



factory



hospital

Map Symbols

To make it easier, maps use symbols instead of words so that you can find things quickly. Here are some symbols you might recognise.



parking



nature reserve



campsite



place of worship



motorway



golf course



cycle trail



train station



footpath



main road

1: What is a map used for?	Tick here
a) Playing games	
b) Showing directions	
c) Reading stories	

2: What is the name of the direction that a compass always points to?	Tick here
North	
South	
East	

**Post Assessment:
Draw a compass**

3: What are the four main directions on a map?	Tick here
a) Left, right, up, down	
b) North, south, east, west	
c) Red, blue, yellow, green	

4: How can you use a map to find a place?	Tick here
a) Ask your friends	
b) Follow the pictures	
c) Read the labels and symbols	