



A simple map of our school from above.

Local Study: My School

This term we are going to be learning how to show what our school looks like on a map.

We will go on lots of walks around our school, using our senses to spot what is around us. We will remind ourselves of directional (North, South, East, West, left, right) and prepositional (near, far) language to describe our surroundings.

We will also look at different photos and map symbols to help us create our own maps.

What I already know:

Oundle Primary School is in the country of England, which is in the United Kingdom, or Great Britain.

On maps, sea is blue and land is green.

A human feature is something that is man-made, such as our school building.

A physical feature is something that is naturally-occurring, such as a tree.



An aerial view photo of our school

At the end of this unit I should be able to answer the following questions...

What can I use a map for?

Which way is left/right?

What does a compass do?

Why is it better to use a simple symbol on a map instead of a detailed picture?

How can I work out where I am on a map?

Key words:

Aerial view: a photo taken from above looking down at an area.

Compass: something that tells me whether I am facing North, South, East or West.

Directional language: **North, South, East, West**

Map key: a section on a map that explain what each symbol means.

Map symbol: A simple picture that shows what is in a particular area, e.g. three simple trees instead of drawing a detailed forest.

Prepositional language: **near, far, close, around, between**

Some common map symbols you may find on a key →



Trees



Nature reserve



Church

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School