

## GEOGRAPHY - MAPS AND COMPASSES



A map is a drawing of an actual place that uses lines and symbols to represent real-life objects. People use maps to help them travel from place to place.

Key features of a map include: a title, a compass rose, symbols, a key and different colours for important things such as green for forests and blue for rivers and seas.

People use a compass to help them position and use a map accurately. The main points of a compass are north, east, south and west.

Maps are usually drawn from an ariel view and show us the physical and human features of an area.



### Questions to think about

- Can you think of a rhyme to remember the compass points?
- Do you know any of the symbols on a map?
- Can you draw a map of your journey to school? To beach school?

### KEY VOCABULARY

Map

Key

Compass

Symbol

Route

Aerial view

Navigate

Human and physical features