Fieldwork and Orienteering- Which way to go

As geographers we will learn about key map skills using an Atlas to locate countries, continents, oceans and seas. We will also be exploring our local area and how it looks from above and on the ground, spotting its human and physical features and how they look on a map and key.

Year 2

Summer

Core Skills:

Through this topic, your child will learn the following skills:

Active Learning
- To seek out and enjoy challenges
- To collaborate with others
- To show commitment and perseverance
- Assess themselves and others

Basic Skills
- To speak clearly and convey ideas confidently
- To read and communicate ideas in writing efficiently and effectively
- To calculate efficiently and apply skills to solve problems
- To use new technologies confidently and purposefully

Creative Thinking
- To ask questions to extend thinking
- To generate ideas and explore possibilities
- To overcome barriers by trying out alternatives
- To connect ideas and experiences in inventive ways
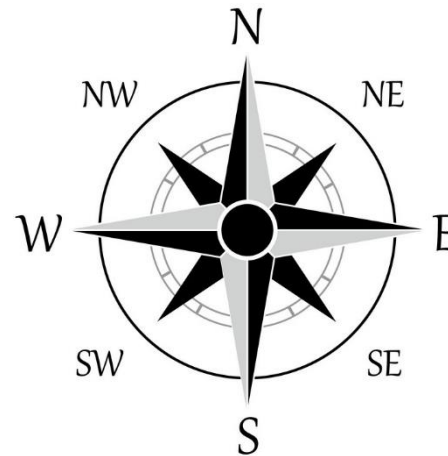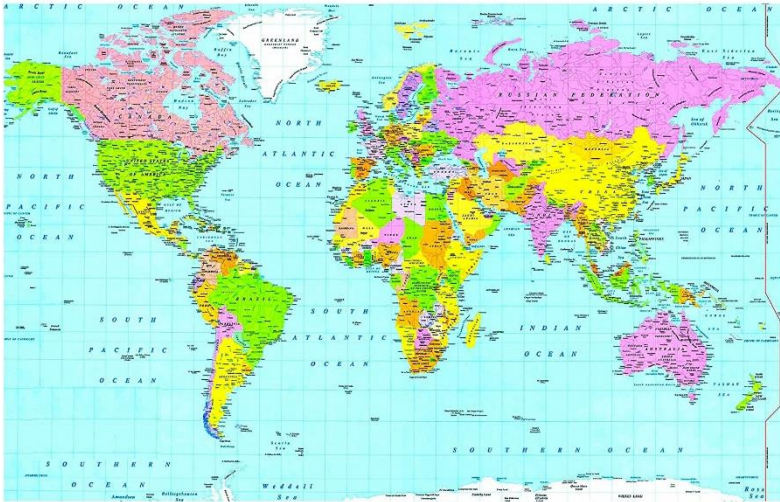
Key concepts:

Our overarching concept that underpins this term is 'Responsibility'.

Within that, we will be focussing on Beauty and Sustainability.

We link our work across the curriculum to these key concepts as much as possible. This support us developing the children's personal characteristics and relationships with each other.

How you can help at home:

- Go for a walk around your local area and see how many features you can spot such as a bus stop, shops, schools. What might there be symbols on a map?
- Label the different parts of a compass
- Name the continents on a map
- Use google maps/street view to have a look at your local area from above.

Key Vocabulary:

Maps

Atlas

Continent

Compass

Cartographer

North

East

South

West

Near

Far

Equator

Useful Websites:

Google Maps: https://www.google.com/maps

Google Street View https://www.instantstreetview.com/

National Geographic Mapping Resources: https://www.nationalgeographic.org/education/classroom-resources/mapping/

Google Earth: https://earth.google.com/web/