

Year 3 Knowledge Organiser: Our Local Area

Vocabulary

compass - something that shows the directions north, south, east and west.

map - a drawing of a particular area such as a city, a country, or a continent, showing its main features as they would appear if you looked at them from above.

key - a description of the symbols used in a map.

symbol - images used to represent important places and areas on a map.

cardinal points - each of the four main points of the compass (north, south, east, and west)

Using a map

You can locate your school, street and other local places of interest on a map (e.g. Hodgkin Park, Scotswood Road/Bridge).



You can create a sketch map of your local area.



A map uses a symbols to represent things. A key explains what the symbols mean.

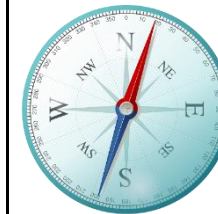
Using a compass

There are eight points on a compass. You can use these to give and follow directions. The four main (cardinal) points on a compass are:

North
East
West
South

The points in between are:

North East
South East
South West
North West



Using a grid reference

This is a method of describing a location using intersecting vertical and horizontal grid lines, indicated by numbers and/or letters.

