





Year 2 Geography Knowledge Organiser Topic: Aerial maps

Key questions:

What is a map? What are the key features of maps? What is a continent? What are the four countries in the UK? What are the capital cities?

Map of the UK and map of the world





Key knowledge:

- An **Atlas** is a collection of maps of the Earth.
- The seven continents in the world are North America, South America, Europe, Africa, Asia, Australasia, Antarctica.
- There are five **Oceans**: Atlantic, Pacific, Indian and Arctic, Antartic
- The **UK** is a state made up of four countries (and their Capital cities).
- The key features of a map:



The four points of a compass rose: North, East, South, West.



A map legend (key) is a visual explanation of the symbols used on a map.

Key vocabulary:







Map: a picture of an area of the earth printed on a flat 2D surface.

Compass: an instrument for showing direction, using magnets.

Continent: one of the earth's seven largest areas of land. **Country:** a large area of land where people live under the same government or have the same culture.

Ocean: a part of the large body of water that covers most of the earth's surface.

Land use – what people use the land for.

Urban – cities and towns where lots of people live. Filled with roads, offices, shops, houses and businesses

Services – dentists, shops, restaurants, schools etc.

Rural – countryside, fields, small villages- not many people used for farming, **Settlements-** places where people live (start small and grow larger over time as people move there).

Village- bigger than a hamlet, a church, more houses, some shops, lots of fields. **Town**- bigger than a village, lots of shops, houses, schools and services

City- biggest settlement.

Perspective: the way things are seen from a particular point of view. **Aerial view:** the view from the air also known as **bird's eye view.**

Sea: a smaller body of water, completely or partly surrounded by land e.g The

Mediterranean

Output:

Read maps, recognising symbols that represent physical and human features.

Create our own sketch maps using symbols, scales and other features of a map.

Compare and contrast maps of London now with maps during the Great Fire of London.

Compare and contrast maps of urban and rural areas and other settlements. Discuss different land use of these areas. Mapping the four countries in the UK and capital cities, the seven continents and main oceans and seas in the world. Answer riddles about different continents.