

Year 7 Keywords:

Autumn 1 Geography

An introduction to the concept of places and locations through the study of maps – both at a global scale and using mapwork techniques for the investigation and study of Ordnance Survey maps

Keyword	Definition
Map	An aerial representation (or “birds eye view”) showing features of the Earth at a smaller scale or reduced size
Ordnance Survey (OS) map	A particular type of map that uses scale and symbols to represent features on the surface of the Earth
Location	The exact place where a geographical feature is
Distribution	How features on a map are spread out over a geographical area
Map symbols	Small diagrams or abbreviations/letters that represent real life features on a map
Compass directions	The location of a geographical feature using the 8 points of a compass
Scale	How the size of a geographical area in real life is reduced to represent it on a map. Distance is measured using a scale line
4 figure grid references	A set of 4 grid co-ordinate numbers to locate the area or part of an area on a map (within a grid square)
6 figure grid references	A set of 6 grid co-ordinate numbers that give the exact location of a location or feature on a map
Contour lines	Brown lines on an OS map that join up places of equal height on the land. They are used to show the relief or gradient of the surface of the Earth