

Year 3 & 4 Map Skills

Key vocabulary	
map	A diagram to show where places are located.
sketch map	Sketch maps are simple drawings of the landscape.
annotation	Detailed labels with an explanation of what is shown.
landmark	Significant features in the landscape that are easily recognisable.
symbol	A drawing that stands for something else.
key	Explains what colours and symbols on the map stand for.
aerial view	A view from the sky looking down at an area.
capital city	The city where the government is located.
land use	When an area is used for a specific purpose to meet the wants and needs of people.
urban	An area where many people live and work close together. Urban areas are usually in cities or towns.
rural	A less densely populated area. Farming often takes place in rural areas. People call rural areas the 'countryside'.
agriculture	Farming: growing crops or raising animals.
arable farming	Farmland used for growing crops.
pastoral farming	Farmland used for grazing animals.
population	The total number of people living in a country, city or area.

Key Knowledge	
P r e c e d i n g	A map shows us where things are. You can use a map to get to places.
	Map symbols show where features are on a map.
	Simple sketch maps can be drawn to help people find locations.
	Settlements include: villages, towns and cities.

Compass Points	
The four cardinal points (North (N), South (S), East (E) and West (W)) can be divided to create four additional compass points directly between them - between North and East becomes South East.	

Map Symbols	
	Cycle Trail
	Visitor Centre
	Place of worship
	Train station
	Post office
	Nature Reserve
	Cathedral or Abbey
	Lighthouse
	School
	Bus or coach station

Sketch Maps

