



Geography Map Skills Week



What should children already know from Year 1 and 2?

- United Kingdom: **England, Scotland, Northern Ireland** and **Wales**.
- UK capitals: **London** (England), **Edinburgh** (Scotland), **Belfast** (Northern Ireland) and **Cardiff** (Wales).
- There are five oceans: **Pacific, Atlantic, Indian, Southern, Arctic**.
- The seven continents: **Antarctica, Asia, Australasia, Europe, Africa, North America, South America**.
- I can locate hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South Poles.

Key Questions

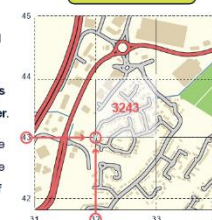
- How is the world represented on maps?
- How can I use compasses, keys and map symbols to read a map?
- What are the key geographical features of the UK and East Midlands region?
- How can I use 4-figure grid references to read a map?
- How can I create a sketch map of my local area?

Four-figure grid references are four numbers used to pinpoint a particular location on a map. Numbered lines called **eastings** and **northings** are used to pinpoint a square section on a map.

How to use them:

1. Look at the **eastings** and find the **1st number**.
2. Then look at the **northings** until you find the **2nd number**.
3. When you have found the **correct corner**, look at the square to the **top right of the corner**.

grid reference: 3243



The main human features in the UK are: - **settlements** (e.g. cities, towns and villages), **buildings structures**.

Tallest building



The Shard, London

Most populated city



London, England

Longest pier



Southend Pier, England

The landscape of the UK is very varied. **Physical features** would be here even if there were no people around (e.g. **seas, mountains, rivers**).

Highest mountain



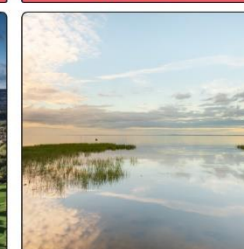
Ben Nevis, Scotland

Longest river



River Severn, England/Wales

Largest lake



Lough Neagh, Northern Ireland

Key Vocabulary

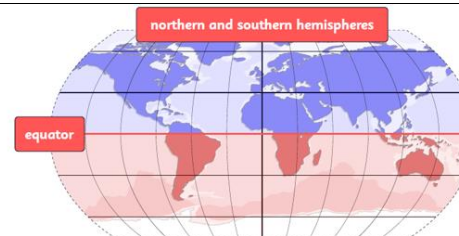
atlas	a collection of maps often of each country in the world
cardinal directions	the four main compass directions: north, east, south and west
compass	A compass is a magnetic instrument used for finding directions.
key	a section on a map that displays symbols and their meanings
map symbols	a picture used to represent a feature on a map
settlement	a place where people live, such as a hamlet, village, town or city



Antarctic Circle

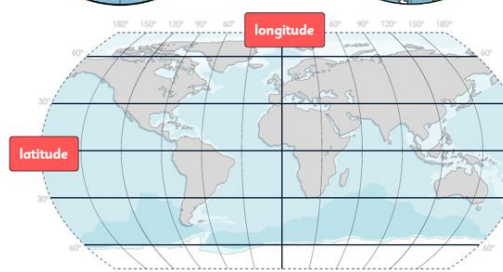


Arctic Circle



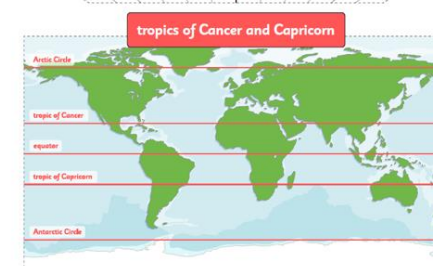
northern and southern hemispheres

equator



longitude

latitude



tropics of Cancer and Capricorn