

Geography

In KS1, children should be able to produce a map of their own area and know the points of a compass and how to use a simple key.

Create a bird's eye view plan of your garden. Create a key and see if you can position the compass points N, S, E and W. (Never, Eat, Shredded, Wheat)

Can you label NE, SE, SW and NW? (We did this in class just recently)

Can you now add a grid to your plan so that you have squares over it?

Label the squares along the bottom and the squares going up.

You can now write some questions for each other and find out the coordinates for things in your garden. (Remember 'Along the corridor and up the stairs' to get the coordinates the right way around)

Eg In what square is the big tree?

In what square is the shed?

What squares does the lawn cover?

Following on from this, you could write a set of directions to travel from one place in the garden to another. Think like you are coding someone to walk from one place to another.

Eg. From the shed move forward 3 squares. Right turn 90 degrees. Move forward 2 squares. Now where are you?

Geography of the United Kingdom

In KS1 all children by the time they leave Year 2 should know the countries that make up the UK and the surrounding seas. They should also know a few facts about each country and the capital city and its position.

Twinkl has maps to cover this, but if you do not have access to a printer, you could draw your own map. For those children who already know the countries and capitals, they could move onto locating other major cities in the UK, and counties surrounding Yorkshire.

From experience in the classroom, children really will engage with Atlases and OS maps if shown how to use them and if they are available. They like finding places, roads, railways, rivers etc, using physical maps to show where mountains are etc. If you have access to OS maps, they will enjoy finding OS symbols and discovering their local area.

Using Computers - If you do have access to a computer, you may find this site useful for both links to UK geography and map skills.

<https://www.3dgeography.co.uk/geography-of-the-uk>

Map skills worksheets are available to print from the above site.

Twinkl has UK map blanks to print and powerpoints about the UK which may be a good starting point.

