

# Walking and Orienteering

## Walking

At Greenbank, children have the opportunity to enjoy local walks in and around the school grounds and venues near Rochdale. Not only is walking promoting exercise, but it is a chance for the children to see the local surroundings and beautiful walks a short ride away from school. These sessions are an excellent way for the children to learn practical Geography skills including map reading, with each year becoming more challenging.

## Orienteering

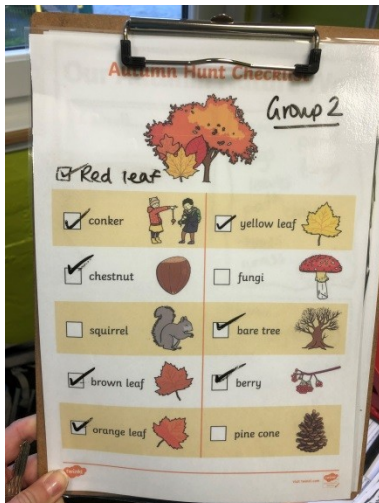
### Reception

Reception classes link their walking around a story, for example the Gruffalo. This brings the story to life as the children walk through local woodland following arrows whilst looking for the creatures in the story.



## Year 1

In Year 1, the children have a go at simple orienteering based within the local park. This continues the work with directional language and introduces very simple map work. They also link it to their topic of autumn.



## Year 2

Year 2 head out of school on a walk up Healey Dell, a local nature reserve where they carry out tasks to reinforce their learning about their topic on rivers. We use the local maps of the reserve to see if we can identify features that give us clues to where we are in the reserve. This gets the children use to using a key on the map.





### Year 3

Orienteering in a 'wilder' environment is introduced to the children in Year 3. They walk around Watergrove Reservoir near Wardle and have to complete a photographic orienteering task on route. The map work they have carried out in previous years is embedded with a number of additional tasks. A beautiful place with stunning views just a short 15 minute drive away from school.



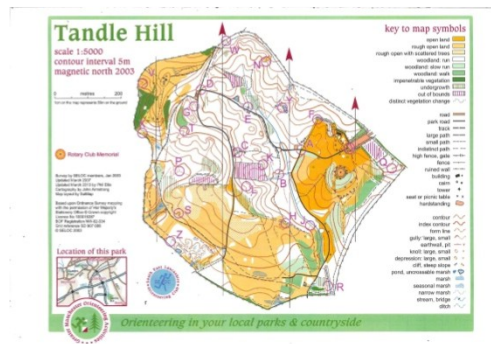
### Year 4

Year 4 use their opportunity for map reading to do a geographical study by visiting and comparing a city to a village and looking at the different characteristics on the maps.



## Year 5

Year 5 have a go at a more traditional form of orienteering – based at a local park; Tandle Hill in Oldham, where special orienteering courses have been developed. This really begins to test their map reading abilities.



## Year 6

Children in Year 6 experience the most modern method of navigation – using GPS devices alongside maps.

They take part in 'Geocaching' at various sites around the Rochdale area and work back in school on the associated IT.

Geocaching is an outdoor recreational activity, in which participants use a GPS (Global Positioning System) receiver to hide and seek containers, called "geocaches" or "caches", anywhere in the world.

