

Prior learning: In Reception, the children record the weather daily by looking in their immediate environment. The children learn about their immediate surroundings (classroom and other key areas in the school). The children are able to make comparisons between two of their immediate environments e.g. their classroom and their outside area.

Meet some brilliant geographers...



Christopher Columbus was a 16th century explorer who voyaged across the Atlantic Ocean to discover the lands of North and South America.



Francis Drake was an explorer that circumnavigated the world in a single expedition from 1577 to 1580.

4. How do brilliant geographers use a map?

We will use a map of the school to orienteer around the school and find hidden objects.



Brilliant geographers can read map symbols in a key.

1. What is a map?

We will look at a variety of maps from different places in our local area and discuss the different features of a map; map title, key, symbols and NSEW directions.



sticky knowledge



Brilliant geographers know what a map is and the features of a map.

5. What does our classroom look like from above?

We will use Lego to build a bird's eye view construction model of our classroom and discuss the symbols we could use to represent different classroom objects.



Brilliant geographers can construct a map of their classroom from a bird's eye view.

2 What is a bird's eye view?

We will look at a variety of different maps and aerial photographs of the local area and discuss the bird's eye view perspective.



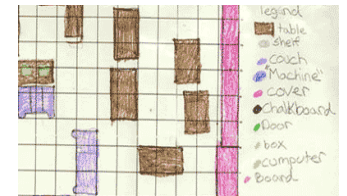
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Brilliant geographers know the terminology 'birds eye view' and understand that a map is from this perspective.

6. How do brilliant geographers devise a simple map of their classroom?

We will use the Lego construction of our classroom to create a drawn map, with a key and symbols.



Brilliant geographers can devise a map of their classroom that includes symbols and a key.

3. Where is North, South, East and West on a map?

We will learn the compass points NSEW and the children will use a compass to orienteer and to look at the positions of objects in the playground.



Key vocabulary: Glossary

map	a diagrammatic representation of an area of land or sea.		
orienteer	using a map or compass to navigate an area.	map key	explains the use of symbols on a map.



Brilliant geographers know the NSEW compass points

bird's eye
view

a view from above

compass
points

points on the dial of a compass
that show direction.