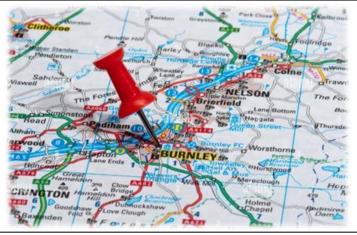


Lowerhouse Junior School Geography Overview Sheet



Year 6 – How do maps help us to find our way around?



Rationale: Maps unit allows Year 6 to further explore the range of maps available to geographers and to develop their understanding of the key features of maps. They will study a range of maps and atlases, including digital maps, and compare their features. The will learn to use the eight compass points to give directions and give grid references to locate places on a map. By comparing maps of the same place, children will learn about the way that places have changed over time.

Substantive Knowledge:

Human and physical geography

Describe and understand key aspects of:

- physical geography, including: rivers, mountains.

- human geography, including: types of settlement and land use.

Overview:

Key Vocabulary

overview.	Key vocubulary
Lesson 1: Introduction to Maps and Their	Atlas - A book containing a collection of maps.
Purpose - Understand how maps are used and	Continent - The Earth is made up of these 7 areas of land.
their purposes, focusing on different map	Country - A nation separated from others by a political or
styles and symbols.	physical border.
Lesson 2: Using Compass Points and Scale Bars	County - The different, organised areas within a country.
- Use the eight cardinal points and scale bars	Direction - Tells us which way to travel.
to understand direction and distance.	English Channel - A 560km stretch of sea that separates
	England from France - important for trade.
Lesson 3: Settlements and Land Use - Identify	Europe - One of the 7 continents on Earth and where the
different types of settlements and land use on	U.K. is located.
maps and relate them to physical geography.	Human features - Things built by humans which can be
Lesson 4: Creating and Interpreting Sketch	seen from a satellite or are placed on a map. Location - Tells us where something is.
Maps - Create accurate sketch maps using	Physical Features - Things established from nature that
symbols and a key.	can be seen from a satellite or are placed on a map.
Lesson 5: Comparing Map Scales and Digital	Scale - Tells us the size of something.
Tools - Compare maps at different scales and	Symbols - Simple pictures which represent something.
use digital tools to enhance map reading.	
Lesson 6: Applying Mapping Skills -	
Consolidate knowledge by navigating using	
maps and creating their own	

Impact/Assessment

Most Children will: • Use an index to find a place name. • Find the correct page in an atlas by using the index. • Explain why maps have symbols on them. • Recognise some map symbols on an Ordnance Survey map. • Give co-ordinates by going across first and then up. • Find a location from four-figure coordinates. • Find differences between photographs of the same location. • Find similarities between photographs of the same location. • Find differences between maps of the same location