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St Matthias CE Primary School – Knowledge Organiser

Topic:	Where Do I Live?	Year:	1	Term:	Autumn

Map Symbols

To make it easier, **maps** use **symbols** instead of words so that you can find things quickly. Here are some **symbols** you might recognise.

Houses

You might see lots of different types of **houses** in your local area. Some of these could be...

map	A specifically drawn picture of a place from above.
symbol	A picture that represents a word or group of words. They are used on maps to make things clear and easy to find.
house	A building that people live in.
compass	A special tool that helps you to know which direction you are facing.
direction	When someone or something is pointing or moving.
fieldwork	Using maps to go out and about and get a practical understanding of something.

In this unit about Our Local Area children in Year 1 will:

- To name and locate the seven continents and five oceans
- To name and locate the 4 countries and capital cities of the UK and it surrounding seas
- To locate Malvern and its surrounding area on a map – including nearby towns and cities such as Worcester, Gloucester,
- Birmingham, Upton, Ledbury etc.
- Use basic geographical vocabulary to name key physical features of their local area e.g. hills, farm, forest, river, valley, commons etc. and key human features e.g. town, city, village, factory, farm, house, shop etc.
- To describe their locality using words and pictures.
- To learn their address and be able to tell someone
- Use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the UK and its countries as well their own local area.
- Use aerial photographs to recognise landmarks in their local area and also of the school and basic human and physical features of the local area such as shops, houses, stations etc.
- Devise simple maps of the school and surrounding area and use and construct basic symbols in a key.
- Use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of their school and its grounds.
- Ask geographical questions about own locality e.g. What is it like to live in this area? What do you like/dislike about Malvern?
- Express own views about a place i.e. their own locality
- Observe and record e.g. rooms within the school or buildings on a local street – Record using a range of techniques such as
- drawing, pictograms, memory maps, simple maps, sketches, labelled diagrams etc.

town	city	village	urban	rural	address	postcode
United Kingdom	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland	Malvern	Worcester
Capital City	London	Cardiff	Edinburgh	Belfast	Ledbury	Upton
Continents	Europe	Africa	North America	South America	Asia	Australasia