Rolvenden Primary School – Knowledge Organiser

Eight-Point Compass

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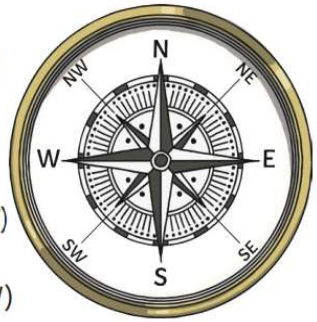
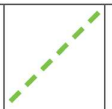
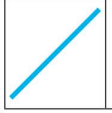
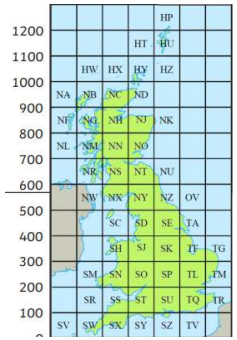
north-west (NW)



Maps use symbols instead of words to label real-life features. A key on the map tells you what the symbol means.

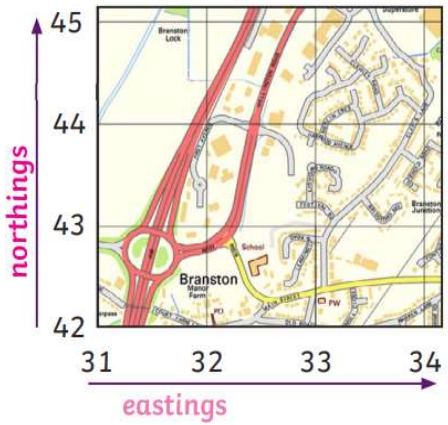
	Nature Reserve		Cycle Trail		Footpath
	Motorway		Train Station		Place of Worship



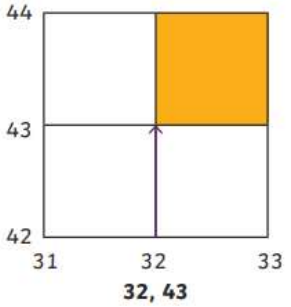
The National Grid is a grid reference system used for the whole of Great Britain. It is split into squares – each is 100km.

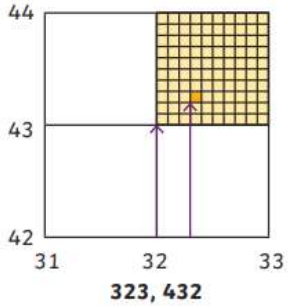
Vocabulary

atlas	A collection of maps, often of each country in the world
compass	A tool used for showing direction.
digital map	A map that uses technology such as a Satnav
easting	The numbers used in a grid reference run west to east.
northing	The numbers in a grid reference that run south to north
grid reference	The numbered squares on a map to locate a place
National Grid	A system used to split Great Britain into 100km squares.
Ordnance Survey maps	Detailed maps of Great Britain, where each square represents 1km squared (1km²)
symbols	Small pictures, letters or lines that represent a feature.



A map is criss-crossed with horizontal and vertical lines to create a grid. The squares on the grid help you locate a feature on the map. The easting and northing numbers are put together to create a grid reference. This can be four or six digits, depending on precision.





Marvellous Maps