

# GGA- Year 5 Spring Term Map skills

## Key Vocabulary and definition

**Four figure grid references** Maps have grid lines on them—we use them to pinpoint locations by using a grid reference. Grid references are easy, as long as you remember that you always go along the corridor before you go up the stairs.

Step 1: Start at the left-hand side of the map and go east until you get to the bottom left-hand corner of the

square you want. Write this number down

e.g. 47

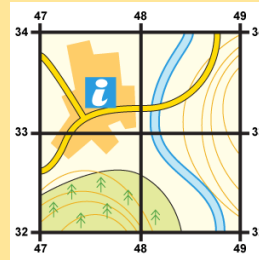
Step 2: Move north until you get to the

bottom-left corner of the square you want

e.g. 33

Step 3: Now put your two answers together

e.g. 47 33.

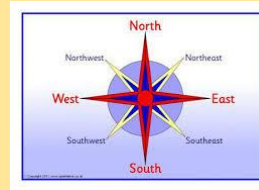


**Compass points** The 8 directions commonly used on a compass to help with navigation.

The four principal points of the compass—north, east, south, and west (cardinal points).

Midway between the cardinal points are the inter-cardinal points

(northeast, southeast, southwest, and northwest)



**OS map** Ordnance Survey is the national mapping agency for Great Britain. First used in 1745.

**Symbol**—Map symbols are used to represent real objects. Both shapes and colours can be used for symbols on maps.

**GIS (Digimap)** The Geographical Information System: is a computer system for capturing, storing, checking, and displaying data related to positions on Earth's surface. It provides us with maps of information.

## Why are we learning this?

To be able to use grid references to accurately pinpoint your location on a map

To identify the main symbols used on an OS map.

To know how to name the 8 points of a compass and to use them to locate map features and objects

## Why is it important?

To use maps to find a place, or map feature.

To know how to collect information about a place using a range of maps, including GIS (digimap), map symbols and landscape features.

To know that there are many types of maps.

To know how to use an OS Map.

## Learning links to:-

Y3 Geography

Use grid references/ UK cities

Y6 Geography

Bedford Our Locality

