Year 7 Unit 1 Overview - Map Skills

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Target grade for tests:

You will learn about

- Using a range of map skills
- Using evidence from a map to support my writing

You will be able to

- Use a variety of map skills to select and interpret information
- Use key geographical terms

Lesson Overview

- 1. What on earth is Geography?
- 2. My Island / Penryn Activity writing activity
- 3. DIT and describing routes on a map.
- 4. Using 4 and 6 figure grid references.
- How do we use scale? Measuring distance and height on a map.
- 6. A journey around the World and the UK using latitude and longitude. How do we use an atlas? Mapping the UK.
- 7. Making revision resources / consolidation
- 8. End of unit test
- 9. DIT Lesson Map Skills Assessment

Key Words

Atlas - a book of different types of maps

Compass - an instrument showing the direction of magnetic north

Contours - lines that join up points of equal height on a map.

Coordinates - numbers indicating the position of a point on a grid

Equator - zero degrees latitude line dividing earth into north & south hemispheres

Grid reference - numbered lines (vertical and horizontal) forming a grid used on a map to indicate locations.

Key - an area on a map which gives the meaning of symbols used

Latitude - imaginary horizontal lines on earth showing the angular distance in degrees (of a circle- 0-360) of a location from the equator

Longitude - imaginary vertical lines on earth showing the angular distance in degrees (of a circle- 0-360) of a location from the Prime Meridian.

Ordnance Survey (OS)- national mapping agency of Britain

Prime Meridian - zero degrees longitude line dividing earth into East and West hemispheres.

Relief - height of the land

Scale - ratio comparing distance on a map to the actual distance.

Suggested reading

- What is geography? National Geographic
- Discover Penryn That's my Cornwall history and Description

Maps - National Geographic

Cross curricular

SMSC: Understanding the different perspectives on meanings of symbols and representing places on maps.

Literacy: Reading instructions, scanning text on maps and in atlases, reading for meaning using a key and reading for accuracy using grid references and scales

Numeracy: measuring distance using scale, grid references, latitude and longitude, representing height on a map.

Research	Note-making	Group work & discussion	Memorisation	Precision & accuracy	Independence	Reflection

