

Year 4 - Term 5 - Our Local Area



Using road maps

When we go on a journey in the UK we can use a **road map** to plan our route.

Field work

We will carry out field work by taking a walk in our local area. To do this, we will use our **map reading skills**:
Recognise/read **symbols**
Use a **key**
Interpreting **scales**
Read **grid references**
Use **compass points**

We will learn to read maps including **Ordnance Survey** maps.

Why are most cities located by a river?

We will look at photographs of Dartford and the river from different angles.

Dartford gets its name from the River Darent.

Focus: The River Darent & The River Cray

We will investigate where these two rivers meet and learn more about what Dartford looks like on a map.

Historical knowledge

We will learn all about the connection between the river and the development of the settlement at Dartford.

What do you already know?



- How would you recognise a river on a map?
- What are the eight compass points?
- What are the key parts of map reading?



Now & then

Vocabulary

Compass	A tool used which points out directions, such as North, South, East and West.
Grid Reference	This tells you where something is on the map.
Map symbols	These represents real objects and landmarks on a map.
Map Key	Contains an explanation of what the different lines and symbols on the map mean, as well as a scale for you to work out distance.
Ordnance survey map	Use different shapes, colours and symbols to show all the roads, buildings, rivers and other features of a landscape.
Fieldwork	When you go outside and find out things about a place.
Coordinates	A point on a grid has two numbers to identify its position.
River	a flowing stream of water that leads to the sea, a lake or another river.
Confluence	Where two rivers join together
Powered paper mills	a factory in which paper is manufactured.

Our Local Artist: Sir Peter Blake

Peter Blake was born in Kent in 1932 and is best known as one of the first pop artists in Britain. In the 1950s he was one of a group of young artists who started to paint pictures and make sculptures about popular culture (or pop culture). They painted things they liked such as films, comic books, and pop music. A lot of these things came from America.

