

We are geographers.

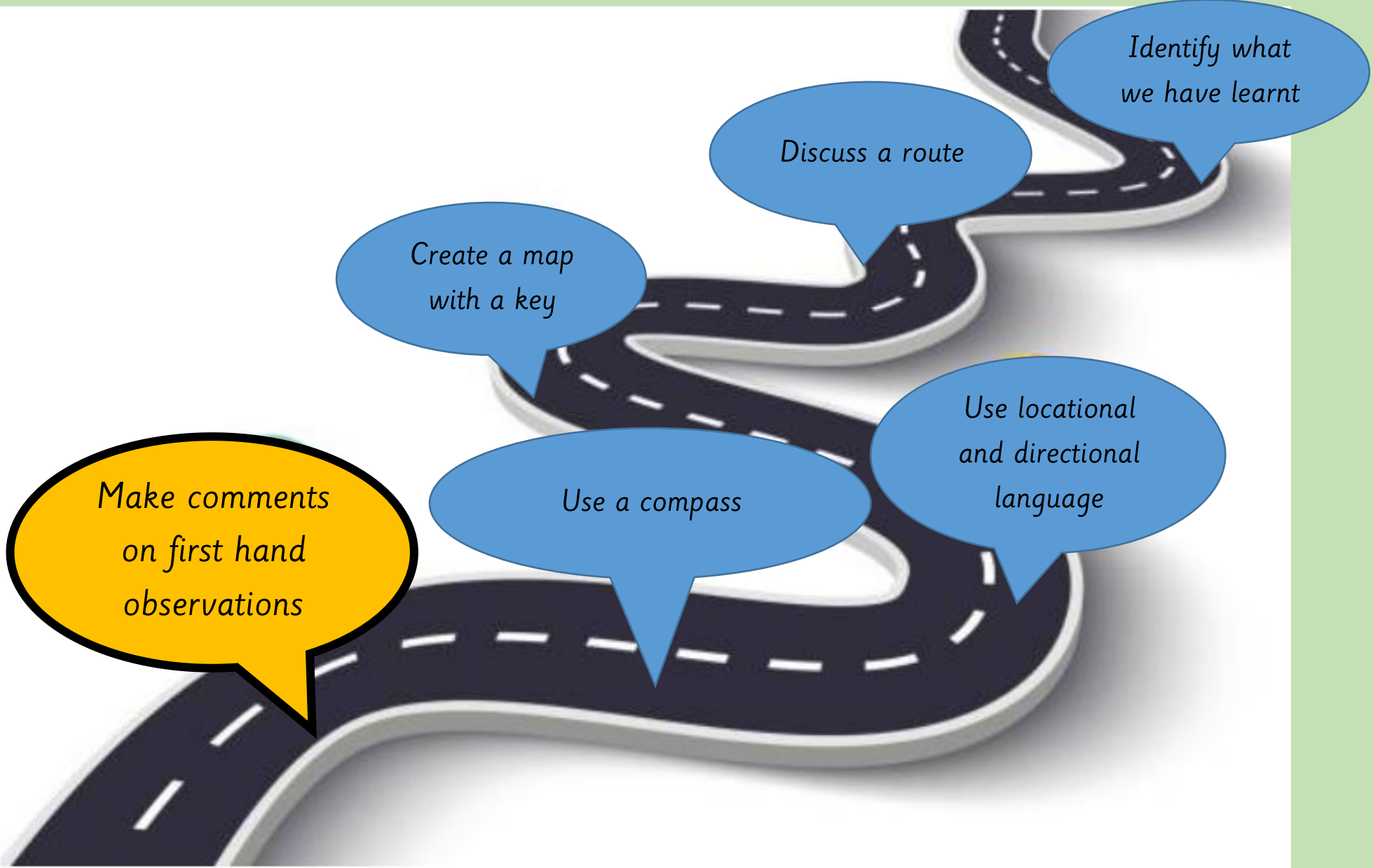
*Geographers are special type of scientists
that study the earth, land and people.*



Our Geography Learning Journey

Key vocabulary:

- Map
- Symbols
- Compass
- North
- East
- South
- West
- Navigate
- Symbols
- Route
- Left
- Right
- Front
- Back



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LQ: Can I make comments on first hand observations?

Steps to Success



All – I can discuss what I know about a compass and a map.

Most – I can ask questions.

Some – I can identify positional and directional language.

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Left

Right

Compass



North



East



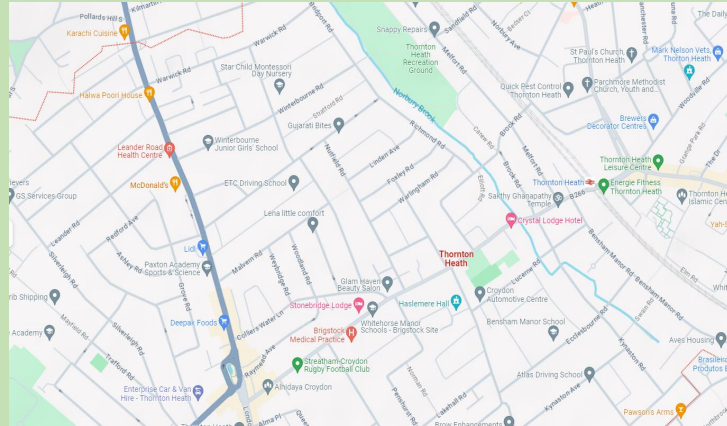
South



West



Map



Front

Back

TPs – What did you do on WOW Day?

How does it relate to our topic ‘Street Detectives?’

**Add photos
from wow day**

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TPs – What do you know about maps?



Aerial view



Road map on a car sat nav



World map

Tube map



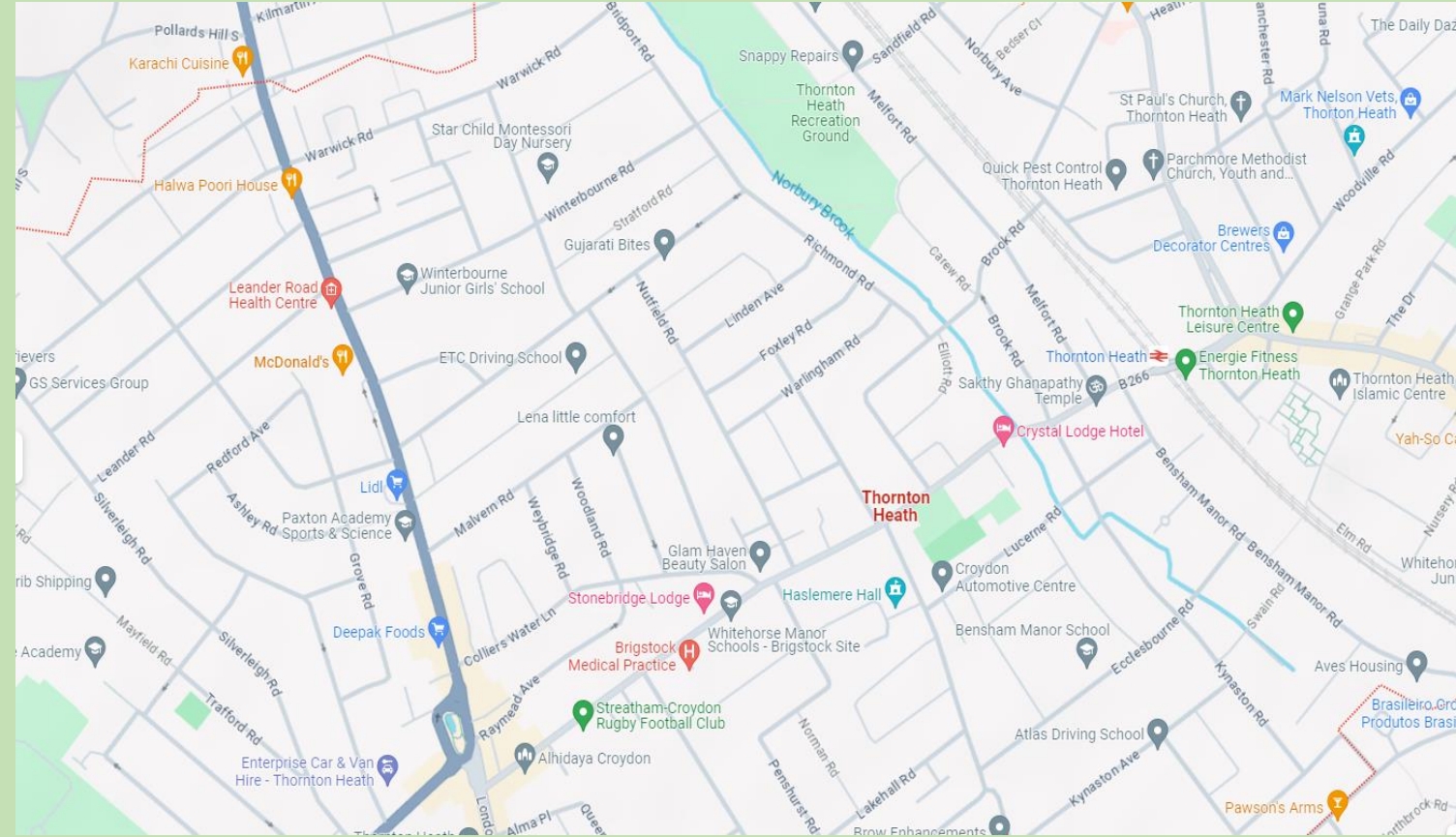
symbols

This term in Geography we are going to learn about the use of compasses and maps.

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TASK – Discussion based enquiry lesson – Child's voice



Look at the pictures of the compass and the map.

TPs: What is a map? What can you see on the map? How would you use a map? What is a compass? What can you see on the compass? How would we use a compass? Why do you we need them?

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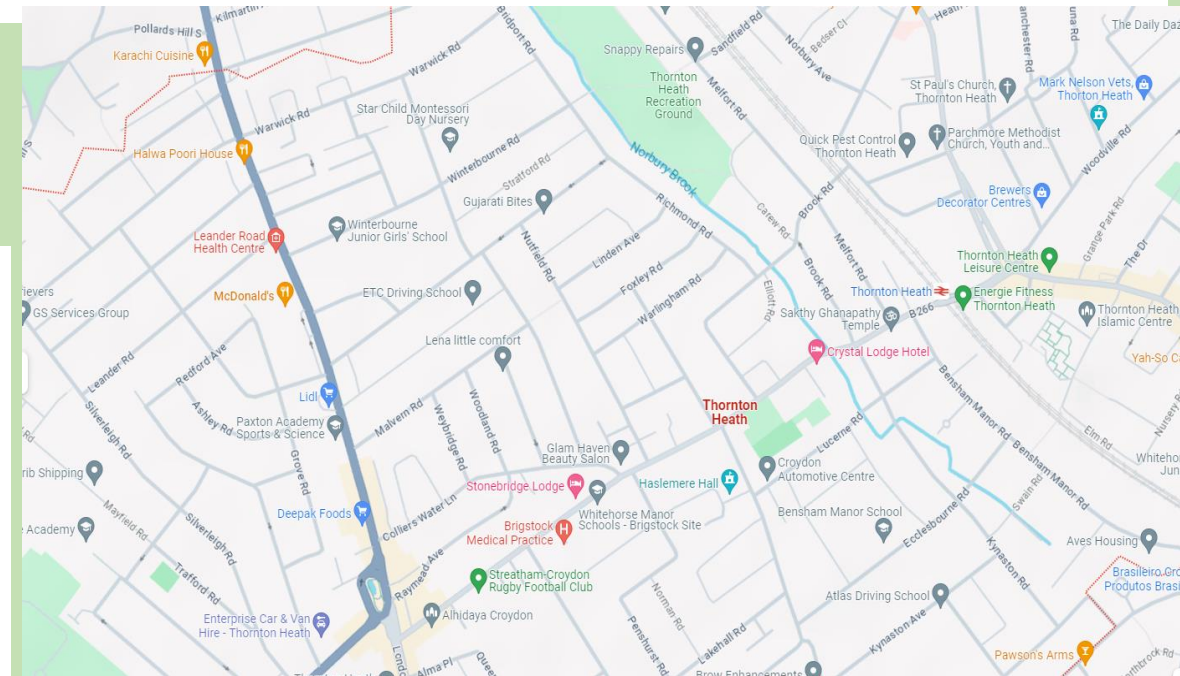
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TASK – Discussion based enquiry lesson – Child's voice



A compass is a tool for finding direction. The needle, which can spin freely, always points north. The compass is marked with the directions. To use a compass, a person lines up the needle with the marking for north. Then the person can figure out all the other directions.

A map is a drawing or plan of the earth's surface. It shows countries, towns, rivers, roads etc. Maps are used to help people locate places.



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TASK – Discussion based enquiry lesson – Child’s voice

TPs – Have you ever seen a map? Have you used a compass? Was it easy or difficult to use? Why are maps useful? What types of maps can you see below?

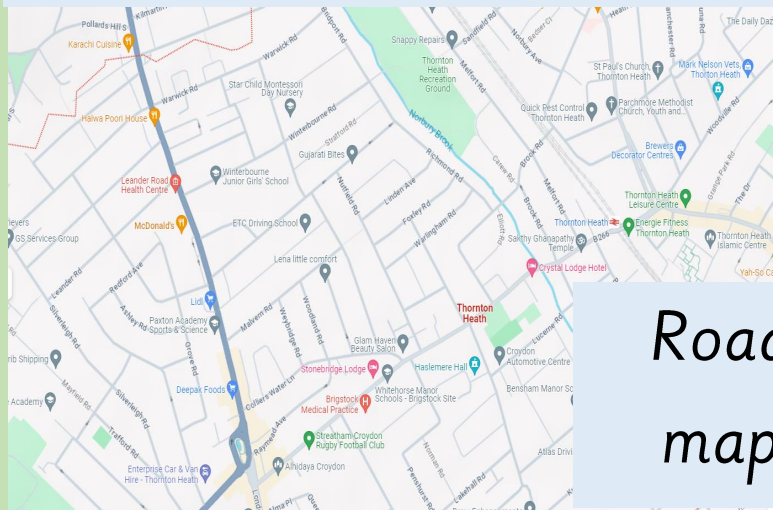


Road map on a car sat nav

World map



Weather map



Road map



Tube map



Front

Back



North

East

West

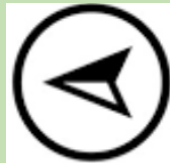
South



N



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W



S

Look at the directional language below

TPs – When might you use directional language? Do you remember your left and right, back and front? North, east, south, west?

I am going to test your directional language.

Where is left?

Where is right?

Where is forwards?

Where is backwards?

TPs – Why is it important to know direction? How does direction help us?

Let's see if you can do the correct directions to this song:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I1gMUbEAUFw>

Assessment

- *All: I know what compasses and map are.*
- *I know how to use a compass and a map.*
- *Some: I understand how to devise a map using basic symbols.*

1. *What is a compass?*
2. *What is a map?*
3. *How do we use a compass?*
4. *How do we use maps?*
5. *Why are there symbols on a map?*
6. *What do you need to include when drawing a map? Why?*