EARLY STAGE 1 (YEAR K): TOPIC 1: PEOPLE LIVE IN PLACES

UNIT 2: MAPS AND MAPPING

>> Unit 2 lessons

Content focus:

Students explore the features of different maps. They develop an understanding of how to read and interpret a map. Students learn about the importance identifying familiar places located on a map and what features a map may include.

Syllabus content area:

Important places

Students investigate the importance of places they live in and belong to.

Locating places

Students investigate how places can be shown using picture maps.

Key inquiry questions:

- What are maps used for?
- Where are places located in my local environment?
- How do we read maps and identify where places are found?

Geographical concepts:

- Place: the significance of places and what they are like. For example: places students live in and belong to and why they are important.
- Space: the significance of location and spatial distribution, and ways people organise and manage the spaces that we live in. For example: location of a place in relation to other familiar places.
- Environment: the significance of the environment in human life, and the important interrelationships between humans and the environment. For example, how and why places should be looked after.

Outcomes:

A student:

- identifies places and develops an understanding of the importance of places to people
- communicates geographical information and uses geographical tools.

Inquiry skills:

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Acquiring geographical information

- pose questions and make observations
- record geographical data and information

Processing geographical information

 draw conclusions based on discussions of observations

Communicating geographical information

- · present information
- listen to others
- draws picture maps

Geographical tools:

Maps

pictorial maps

Fieldwork

observing and recording data

Spatial technologies

• digital maps and aerial photographs

Visual representations

 photographs, illustrations, story books, multimedia

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LESSONS AND WORKSHEETS:

Lesson 1: Exploring maps :: Resource Sheet 1 :: Worksheet 1 :: Resource Sheet 2

Lesson 2: Our local environment :: Worksheet 1

Lesson 3: An introduction to pictorial maps :: Resource sheet 1

Lesson 4: My school's community

Lesson 5: Going to the zoo :: Resource Sheet 1 :: Resource Sheet 2 :: Worksheet 1

Lesson 6: $\underline{\text{Grid references}} :: \underline{\text{Resource Sheet 1}} :: \underline{\text{Worksheet 1}}$

Lesson 7: Where in the world :: Worksheet 1

Lesson 8: Creating your own map :: Resource Sheet 1

Lesson 9: Treasure hunt