Christ the Sower Ecumenical Primary School

GEOGRAPHY
Knowledge Organiser

Year 5 – Summer 1
Connecting the World

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Focus Question: How do maps help us navigate the world?

Key Vocabulary

Atlas	a book or collection of maps
OS map	an Ordnance Survey map
Symbol	a picture or sign representing a feature
Key	an explanation of map symbols
Grid reference	numbers used to locate a place on a map
Easting	a map grid line running north-south, numbered eastwards
Northing	a map grid line running east-west, numbered northwards

Key Learning

- Atlases show countries, oceans, cities and landscapes.
- Ordnance Survey maps use symbols and keys.
- Four-figure references identify a grid square.
- Six-figure references locate positions more precisely.
- Eight compass points and latitude/longitude help us navigate.

Geography in Action



World maps

Atlases and globes locate places.



Map symbols

Use keys and Ordnance Survey maps.



Directions

Grids, compass and coordinates.

Remember and Try

- Read an OS map key and symbols.
- Practise four- and six-figure references.
- Locate places using compass directions.

End Point

I can use atlases, map symbols, grid references and directions to find and describe places accurately.