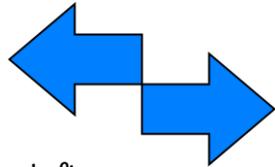
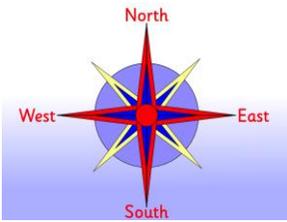


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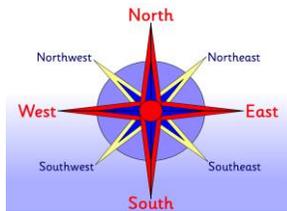


Left right

We need to be able to remember which way is **left** and which way is **right**. Do you know which hand you write with?



The first four compass points we will learn about are North, South, East and West. Rhymes can help us to remember – **N**aughty **E**lephants **S**quirt **W**ater.



We will then look at the four remaining compass points that are in between North, South, East and West. How can you remember these extra four?



We will learn how to read **simple** maps, so that we can direct a friend from one place to another using the correct language – left, right, forwards, backwards, near, far etc.

We will examine aerial photographs of a variety of places (rural and urban) to see what human and physical geographical features we can see e.g. beach, cliff. Coast, forest, hill, mountain, river, city, town, village, farm, house, shop, school etc.

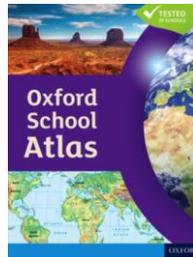


Wirral Peninsula



We will recap on the four countries of the United Kingdom and the surrounding seas. This will help us to see where the Northwest is and where the Wirral Peninsula is. Can you name the four countries?

We will learn that we live in the Northwest of England on the Wirral Peninsula. We will look at the water that surrounds us on three sides – the River Mersey and The River Dee.



We will use maps to see that Liverpool and Wales are either side of the Wirral Peninsula. Is Wales in England?

We will use an atlas to look at the Wirral in more detail. The atlas will show us some of the main physical and human features as well as some of the map symbols. Can you draw three map symbols?

Previous Learning

Developing an understanding of changes over time. Recognise human and physical features in their own immediate environment and how environments may vary from one another. Naming the four countries in the UK.

Vocabulary Dozen

<b>compass</b>	An instrument for showing direction. A typical compass has a moving magnetic needle that points north.
<b>map</b>	A map is a drawing of all or part of the Earth's surface. Maps show us features like rivers, lakes, forest, buildings and roads.
<b>atlas</b>	An atlas is a book that we can look at, which has a collection of maps in so that we can see and learn more about places.
<b>directional language</b>	Directional language helps us to explain to people – near, far, left, right.
<b>Human features</b>	Human features of the Earth are changes people have made to the land e.g. buildings, bridges, tunnels, roads and monuments.
<b>Physical features</b>	Physical features of the Earth are those that are naturally created e.g. mountains, rivers, oceans and deserts.
<b>peninsula</b>	A body of land surrounded by water on three sides is called a peninsula.
<b>aerial photograph</b>	This is the name of a photo taken from the air/sky so that we can see the human and physical features.
<b>OS Map symbols</b>	Maps often use symbols or colours to show different things on the map. A map usually has a key to explain what they mean.
<b>Geography</b>	Geography is a Science, which tells us more about the Earth's surface. People who study Geography are called Geographers.
<b>rural</b>	An area where there are no towns or cities. Rural areas are often called the countryside. Quiet areas.
<b>urban</b>	A place where most people live and work – busy areas.

Ideas to think about...

- Have you always lived in Wirral?
- Can you name places in Wirral that you have visited?
- Where is your favourite place to visit in Wirral and why?
- What do you like about the Wirral?
- Where in the Wirral would you like to visit and why?

