

Making a map

1. Talk about plans and maps:
 - What are they used for?
 - Why do people use them?
 - Who uses them? (eg. a builder, a landscape gardener, a traveller)
2. Look at real maps and plans of the classroom, school grounds, surrounding area or routes to be taken.
3. Look at garden plans in gardening books.
4. Help students to identify places they know on maps.
5. Take several excursions into the school grounds.
6. Make maps together as a class.
7. Follow routes marked on the maps made by students.
8. Have a large and varied supply of materials available for students to create.
9. Allow students time to discuss how they would draw a map, plot routes and experiment with different materials.
10. Allow students to revisit their maps over and over again as their understanding increases.



Students used collage materials to create a 3D map.



Students use blocks and road pieces to create a map to show the route they travelled for an excursion.