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This unit follows on from your learning about the school and Keyham/Devonport in Y1.

What we are learning: LO: To use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the United Kingdom and its countries		What we are learning: LO: To use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of Plymouth's key human and physical features		What we are learning: LO: To use simple compass directions (North, South, East and West) and locational and directional language, to describe the location of features and routes on a map		What we are learning: LO: To use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the key human and physical features of the local area		What we are learning: LO: To use simple fieldwork, aerial photographs and plan perspectives to devise a simple map; and use and construct basic symbols in a key		What we are learning: LO: To use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of their school and its grounds and the key human and physical features of its surrounding environment	
											
<b>How we are learning/Small steps:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can ask geographical questions about my country and city</li> <li>I can use fieldwork and research to answer questions</li> </ul>		<b>How we are learning/Small steps:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can find features, landmarks and amenities on maps of Plymouth</li> <li>I can name the main features and landmarks of Plymouth</li> </ul>		<b>How we are learning/Small steps:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can explain where one thing is in relation to another using directional language</li> <li>I can write directions to navigate a map and reach a destination</li> </ul>		<b>How we are learning/Small steps:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can use directions to navigate the local area</li> <li>I can record the key features and landmarks of my locality</li> </ul>		<b>How we are learning/Small steps:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can use my observations and other sources to make a map to show features in our local area, using symbols and a key</li> <li>I can decide how to present my map; either 3D or as a plan view</li> </ul>		<b>How we are learning/Small steps:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can form conclusions, using my learning to support my ideas</li> <li>I can 'prove it' - <b>Maps are only useful when we're lost.</b></li> </ul>	
<b>Key knowledge:</b>		<b>Key knowledge:</b>		<b>Key knowledge:</b>		<b>Key knowledge:</b>		<b>Key knowledge:</b>		<b>Key knowledge:</b>	
	We live in the United Kingdom (U.K). It is made up of four countries; England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.		A feature is a part of a place. They can be physical (natural) or human (manmade).		A compass tells us the direction. The four main points of the compass are north, south, east and west.		The coast is where land meets the sea. Plymouth is a coastal town.		An aerial view is what something looks like from the sky/above.		Maps can help us to decide where to visit and what to see by showing the features and landmarks or a place.
	There are four seas around the UK; the English Channel, the Irish Sea, the Atlantic Ocean and the North Sea.		A landmark is a building or part of an environment that is memorable.		When something is near you can usually see it or get to it quickly. Our school is near the sea.		A creek is another name for a river or stream. It can come from a coastal inlet.		A plan view is a simplified drawing of an aerial image.		Maps can help us find the places we'd like to go to get help or a service.
	We live in a city on the south coast, in the south west, called Plymouth.		Amenities are places that are useful to people such as supermarkets and libraries.		If something is far, away it will take you a while to get there.		A dock is a place where boats can be loaded and unloaded or kept.		A key is something that shows what symbols mean.		Maps can help us when we're lost. We can also use them to give people directions.
<b>Key Vocabulary:</b> Country Sea/Ocean City		<b>Key Vocabulary:</b> Feature Landmark Amenities		<b>Key Vocabulary:</b> Compass Near Far		<b>Key Vocabulary:</b> Coast Creek Docks		<b>Key Vocabulary:</b> Aerial view Plan view Key		<b>Key Vocabulary:</b> Conclusion Research Prove	

You will learn about the local area again in Y3 when you will look at the weather and climate in our locality. If you are interested in this learning you may want to be a [harbour master](#) or a cartographer.