

Finn's Explorer Map Template

Learning objective: To develop spatial awareness and understanding of simple maps by identifying key features in a familiar environment.

Help Finn the dolphin explore! Think about the path from your front door to your classroom or a favourite place in your garden. Use this template to create your own map and describe the important landmarks you see on your journey.

Word bank: path · tree · gate · sign · left · right · straight · landmark · near · far

1. My Special Journey: Where are you starting your map from and where is the final destination?

2. Landmark Hunt: Name two things you see on your way (for example, a big red postbox or a tall oak tree).

3. Direction Check: Do you turn left, turn right, or go straight ahead to reach your destination?

4. Map Symbols: If you were drawing a pond or a shop on your map, what shape would you use to show it?

5. Explorer's Note: Why is it helpful to have a map when you are visiting a place you have never been before?

Extension challenge: Use a piece of paper to draw a bird's-eye view map of your bedroom or classroom. Can you add a 'Key' at the bottom to show what your colours or symbols mean?