

Mapping Our Local Area with Finn the Dolphin

Learning objective: To use and understand maps, including keys, symbols, and grid references.

Use the writing frame below to describe a map of our school area. Look at the word bank to help you write your sentences.

Finn the dolphin has finished exploring the ocean and is now helping us look at a map of our school neighbourhood.

Word bank: next to · opposite · the key shows · grid reference · north · south · east · west · symbols · located

1. What does the map key show? Start your sentence with: The key on my map explains that... (2 marks)

2. Where is the school located? Start your sentence with: The school is found at grid reference... (2 marks)

3. What is near the school? Start your sentence with: To the north of the school, I can see... (2 marks)

4. How do you know where to go? Start your sentence with: I use the compass points to help me... (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Can you draw a simple map of your journey to school and label one physical feature and one human feature?