

**Key Questions:** What is an Ordnance Survey Map and how do I use it? How do I use Compass Points when using a map? Why is knowing about compass points important when planning a fantasy map for a mythological creature? What are contour lines? What is a Fantasy Map?

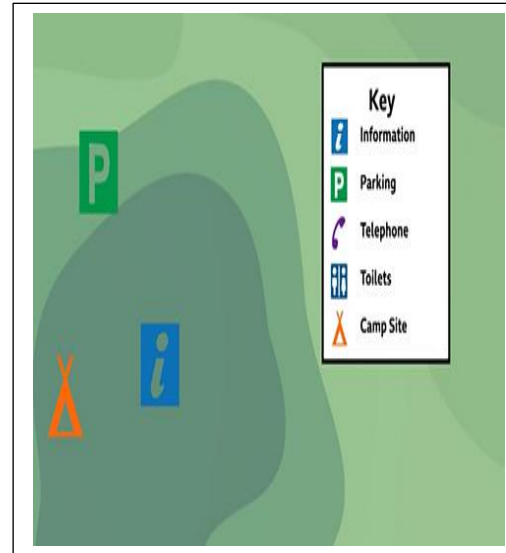
**Overview:** Children will develop their map reading skills by analysing a range of OS maps and learn about how contour lines on a map in order to be able to create a fantasy map relating to one of the Grim Fairy Tales. They will develop their compass skills by finding their way around a maze within their maps. The unit will finish with children applying their knowledge and skills to create their own fantasy map.



**Ordnance Survey**

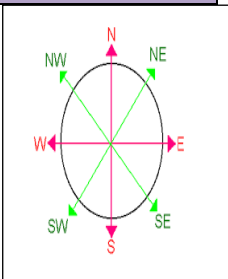
**Map:** It is a detailed, accurate picture of the land in Great Britain, showing exactly where things are, like paths, rivers, schools, and hills. Used by walkers and explorers, they use special symbols and grids to help you find your way and understand the landscape.

How do you use grid references to find somewhere located on a map?



**Legend:** A map legend is a description, explanation, or table of symbols printed on a map or chart to permit a better understanding of what is there.

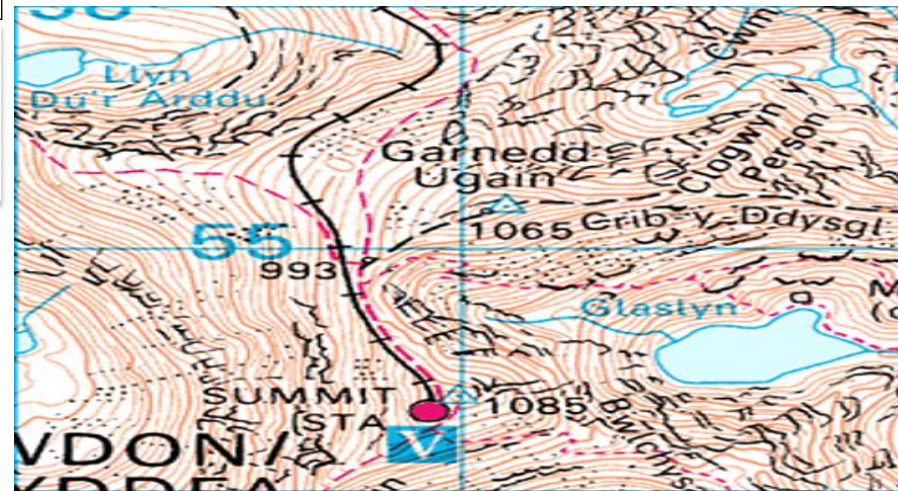
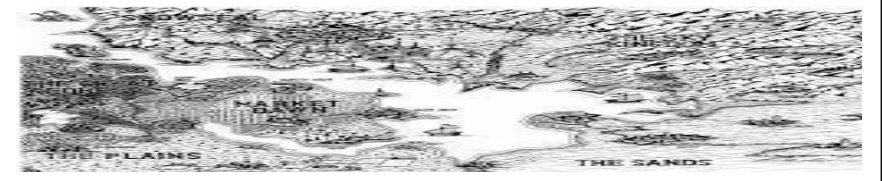
How do the symbols help you when reading a map?



**What is a compass?** A compass is a super handy tool that helps you figure out which way to go, specifically by pointing to the North. It is a vital tool for navigation (finding your way) and usually shows the four main cardinal directions: North (N), South (S), East (E), and West (W).

**Grid reference:** A grid reference tells you where something is on a map. There are two parts to a grid reference: The 1st letter or number tells you how far across the map something is. The 2nd letter or number tells you how far up the map something is.

**What is a Fantasy map?** It is a drawing of a place that does not exist in the real world. It is a map created from imagination, often showing imaginary lands, magical forests, mountains, and castles.



**Contour lines:** These are lines that show high and low areas of land measured in metres above sea level.