





Fieldwork Skills in Practice
Subject Knowledge
Using geographical skills and fieldwork can
enhance local awareness of the school, its
grounds and the surrounding environment.
Using simple fieldwork and observational
skills such as using compasses, trundle
wheels and tape measures, skills can be
practised in context. Learning to describe
locations in terms of physical and human
features increases geographical vocabulary.
Using maps and following routes helps with
locational and directional language
knowledge.

Geographical vocabulary I	
need to learn	
observe	to watch carefully in order to learn something
data	a list of information gathered about something
cardinal points	the four main points of the compass
outline plan	a drawing of a particular area showing features, drawn from above
compass	an instrument for recording North, South, East, or West
human feature	features that have been built by humans e.g. bridges, offices, schools
physical feature	features that are natural e.g. mountains, rivers
key	a list of symbols and their meanings
map	a drawing of a particular area showing features, drawn from above
interpret	explain the meaning of
aerial photograph	a picture created using a camera in the air

VOCABULARY

QUESTIONS

Key questions to consider

How do I collect weather data?

What is an outline plan?

What is the difference between oblique and vertical aerial photographs? to gain
experience of using
fieldwork skills in and
around my school and
the surrounding
environment,
by thinking like a
geographer



KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

Observe and record weather data, rainfall and temperature.

Draw conclusions from observations and data collected.

Recognise and use the four cardinal points of the compass.

Explain the parts and purpose of a compass.

Explain how aerial photographs are taken.

Differentiate between human and physical features.

Use an atlas and world map to start to locate places.

Drawn an outline plan.