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This is not to say that pupils will not encounter symbols in year groups prior to those listed, or other symbols not included in the list. Through working with maps, they will recognise symbols and should be encouraged to explore their meaning and ask questions about them.

The following symbols should be focussed on in the intended year groups by allowing pupils to explore maps and investigate areas of the British countryside. There are flashcards and mini-quizzes available for teachers to use with pupils to support them knowing and remembering more over time.

Year	Focus of Symbols Selected		
KS1 Content – revisited in Year 3	In Year 1, pupils focus initially on their school site and local area, symbols selected here include ones that are more easily recognisable and that pupils would identify on maps of the local area.	Road, Path and Railway symbols are introduced gradually throughout Years 1-3.	An abbreviation is introduced in each year.
	In Year 2, the symbols focus on leisure pursuits and exploring the countryside.		
Year 3	In year 3, pupils learn further about symbols related to leisure pursuits and exploring the countryside.		
Year 4	Symbols in Year 4 focus on Tourism and exploring the outdoors.	Landscape and Landcover symbols are introduced gradually throughout Years 4-6. This starts when pupils learn about Biomes in Geography and living things and their habitats in Science.	
Year 5	Rivers is the main unit taught in Year 5 and so symbols connected to rivers, lakes and the coast are a focus.		
Year 6	In Year 6 pupils the focus is on structures connected to energy as this is part of the main unit in the summer term. Symbols connected to heritage and culture are also introduced.		

 Map Symbols			
KS1 Content – Revisited in Year 3	 Toilets	 Cycle Trail	 Public Phone
	 Parking	 Footpath	 Place of Worship
	 Country Park	 A Road	 School
	 Nature Reserve	 Camping and Caravan Site	 Motorway
	 Viewpoint (180°)	 Theme Park	 Emergency Phone
	 Recreation, Leisure or Sports Centre	 Bridleway	 Police Station
Year 3	 Picnic Site	 Golf Course	 Bus Station
	 Information Centre (Seasonal)	 Walk or Trail	 Level Crossing
	 Public House	 Recreational Path	 Site of Battle
	 Fishing	 Railway Station	 Post Office
Year 4	 Garden or Arboretum	 Other Tourist Feature	 Non-coniferous wood
	 National Trust	 Youth Hostel	 Coniferous wood
	 English Heritage	 Bunkhouse, Camping Barn or other Hostel	 Windmill
	 Castle	 Other Route with Public Access	 Footbridge
Year 5	 Water Activities (Board)	 Boat Hire	 Cliff
	 Water Activities (Paddle)	 Slipway	 Scree
	 Water Activities (Powered)	 Light House	 Shingle
	 Water Activities (Sailing)	 Contour Lines	 Well, Spring
Year 6	 Museum	 Mast	 Scrub
	 Art Gallery	 Wind Turbine	 Bracken, Heath or Rough Grassland
	 Historic House	 Solar Farm	 Marsh, Reeds or Salting
	 Heritage Centre	 Electricity Transmission Line	 Mud
	 World Heritage Site/Area	 Quarry	 Monument