



# Year 1 and 2 Knowledge Organiser - Ourselves and our school

## Key vocab

The Earth is the planet on which we live. It is a giant sphere. Map makers use terms to describe where in the world places are.



## Exciting books!

**Map**  
Pictures of flat paper showing Earth's features.

**Globe**  
Sphere showing the Earth's surface.

**Atlas**  
A book of maps.

**Satellites**  
Objects sent into space.

**Compass**  
A tool for finding directions.

**North Pole**  
The most northern part of Earth.

**South Pole**  
The most southern part of Earth.

**Equator**  
An imaginary line drawn on the earth equidistant from the poles

## Sticky Knowledge

A globe is a sphere which shows the surface of the Earth.

Maps are pictures on flat pieces of paper, or on a screen, showing features of the Earth.

Atlases are books full of maps and information about the Earth.

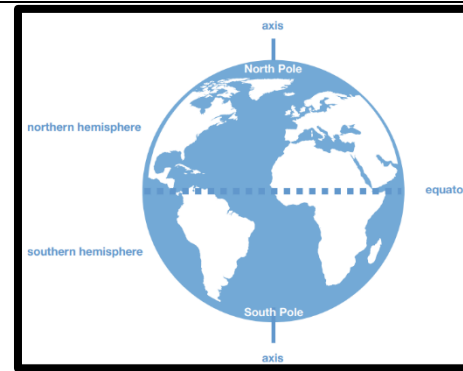
Satellites are objects sent into space. Some of them take photographs of the Earth.

The photographs are called satellite images. This is an image of a hurricane - a violent windstorm found in some parts of the world.

The compass rose  
A compass gives directions. The main directions are north, east, south and west.

When looking at images of the Earth we also use the same direction words.

The Earth rotates (spins) on its axis.



The Earth has two poles: the North and the South Pole. They are not poles like long pieces of wood but poles like those that magnets have. This is because the Earth is a giant magnet with a core of iron.

Halfway between the North and South Poles is an imaginary line called the equator.

Everything north of the equator is in the northern hemisphere and everything south of the equator is in the southern hemisphere.

