



Mapping What is Important

Description	Large sheets of paper for the children to map their most important areas. The activity can be done individually or in larger groups. Practitioners can have pictures of areas already for children to stick on their map and the level of adult intervention can vary depending on the theme of consultation.
Age Range	3+
Time	Can be done for one activity or over a longer period of time if there is enough enthusiasm.
Cost	Cost of paper, pens, paint, photographs.
Benefits	 Get a picture of things that are most important to the children Children can work as a team Can give children a sense of history as they look back on old maps to see what has changed for them during their time at school/nursery Encourages the children to look at their local community, area Links to making a positive contribution, knowledge and understanding of the world and a skilful communicator
Drawbacks	Can take a long time and can be difficult to draw conclusions
Other Info	Could do as a long term project starting with looking at areas within the nursery, local community etc and then take photos, draw pictures and discuss as a group before starting to make the maps.