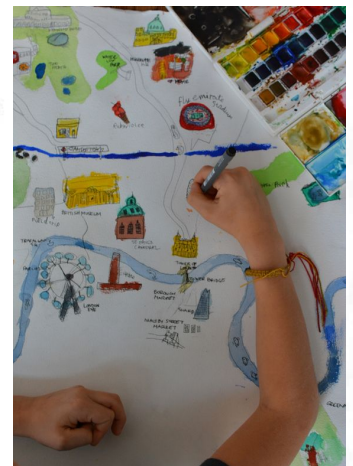# Map your Neighbourhood!

GATHER TOGETHER
. Paper
. Coloured pens and pencils
. Eraser
. A compass

LET'S GO!

Step 1. Choose your area. Ever since humans started exploring the world, maps have been used to share information about where to find food, or populations, or buried treasure, or dangers to avoid. Decide what kind of map you'd like to make: a helpful guide of the best local places to play? An imaginary map of where your cat likes to go each day? A map plotting where each of your friends lives nearby?

Step 2. Go on a reconnaissance mission (that's what it's called when an army sends out a small advance team to research the area). Take a walk around your neighbourhood looking for the kinds of things you've decided to map out. Note or sketch them on your notepad to remind you once home. You might like to use to work out which way you' so you'll know where to put on your map. To do this, ma the red needle lines up with that's pointing towards due compass face will tell you wh you're facing.

Step 3. Sketch out your map light pencil strokes, plan out everything will go: building playgrounds, local cats, scho stations... Think about how distance there is between th how big certain things are — words, the scale of your map need to redraw a few times to