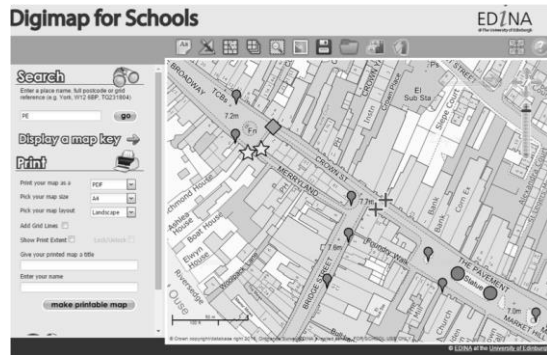


## Digimaps

At St. Peters, we also use Digimaps to enhance our Geography/History curriculum. Digimaps for Schools is an online mapping service where pupils can search, explore and investigate any Ordnance Survey map for anywhere in the UK.



Pupils have used Digimaps in their lessons to:

- \* investigate what Chorley looked like in the 1890s and 1950s
  - \* explored how grid references are used
  - \* researched land use in a place
- \* mapped places in the UK and explored aerial views
  - \* measured distances and routes
- \* located their house and mapped their route to school
  - \* found out about OS map symbols

Pupils can access the service from home using the username and password below. It can also come in handy for any adults wishing to access any OS map at any scale (without having to pay!)

<http://digimapsforschools.edina.ac.uk/>

**Username:** pr60dx  
**Password:** pserms40

## Geography at St Peters Geocaching



As part of our learning in Geography, pupils have had the opportunity to try out geocaching as well as some other technologies to enhance and support their learning in finding out about the environment around them and the wider world.

We thought you might like to know a little bit more about what we have been up to and how you can support your child's learning or geographical interest at home.

## Geocaching at St Peters

### What is it?

Geocaching is a digital treasure hunt that uses GPS (global positioning system) devices and other navigational techniques to hide and find containers called 'geocaches'. There are around 2 million caches hidden all over the world (caches are usually small gifts- bouncy ball, lego figure, coin).

Educaching is the same as geocaching, but where the teacher hides the caches on a temporary basis. Caches usually contain challenges linked to learning or a topic being studied.

At St Peters we are fortunate to now have GPS devices, as well as fantastic grounds, that classes can use to develop their fieldwork and mapping skills.



UKS2 went on an educache hunt in the school grounds. They had to hunt down jigsaw pieces of a map of Chorley and then try and put the map back together in a race against other groups.

James (Class 10):  
"I thought it was really good fun because it makes everyone work together."

Alannah (Class 11):  
"I liked using the GPS devices because it shows you where to go, but you also need to use your vision and common sense to find the hidden clue."

## Geocaching at St Peters

KS1 have been busy educaching as well. They worked on locating woodland animals linked to their Science topic.

Class 6 said:  
"It was brilliant. We had so much fun hunting for the animals."



Over the school year, each class will have the opportunity to try out educaching themselves.

Geocaching is also a fun family activity with over 3000 caches to find in Chorley alone! If you are interested in Geocaching with your children, find out how to get started at:

[www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com)