

Year 6 Heritage Map Art Work with Katy Alston

Year 6 worked with map artist Katy Alston over two days. During that time they learnt about maps of Ketley old and new.

Day one

The children look at old maps of Ketley and Katy helped them understand what the different signs and symbols meant. They looked at the land use and then we looked at more up to date maps of the area. They could then see how the land use had changed over time.

Katy had prepared an overlay map with the new roads of the locality over the top. This also had a grid over the top with co-ordinates on. The pupils were then give a replica section of the map and a plain piece of card of the same size. The pupils had to draw their section of the map onto the plain piece of card. It was not that simple because the sections of map needed to match together. They had to work collaboratively to ensure the roads and key features met in the correct places.

Once the map was complete, the pupils added modern detail to the sections of map using Google Earth for support. These were then coloured in.

Finally, the pupils drew things of significance from around the local area. These were to be used to decorate the boarder of the map.





Day two

For our second day, we worked on maps of the school. Katy had an aerial view of the school and surrounding area. Pupils were then encouraged to work around the school to add detail to the line map to show how our school is special. Pupils could choose how they detailed their map. This could be a bird's eye view, detailed measurements or nature.

After designing their map, they had to draw the map themselves and add their detail. Pupils had a choice of different papers and media to use. This could then be coloured or painted and fine detail added.

Overall, year 6 created some fabulous maps of the school and the final large map, along with some of the smaller maps will be

display in the Upper Key Stage 2 building in the Heritage Gallery.

