*Vocabulary List 1 – geography/map skills*

**Geography** – the study of the earth, places and environments including earths features.

**Physical map** – a map showing landforms and bodies of water such as mountains, islands and rivers. (It shows geographic features.)

**Political map** – a map showing all boundaries and borders such as continent, country and state borders.

**Equator** – the imaginary line that runs across the middle of the earth dividing it into the northern and southern hemispheres.

**Prime** **meridian** – the imaginary line that runs up & down the middle of the earth dividing it into the eastern and western hemispheres.

**Longitude** – imaginary lines that run up and down on the globe. They show and measure distances east and west of the prime meridian.

**Latitude** – imaginary lines that run across on the globe. They show and measure distances north and south of the equator.

**5 themes of** **geography** – a way for geographers to organize their research and information while studying the world’s geography.