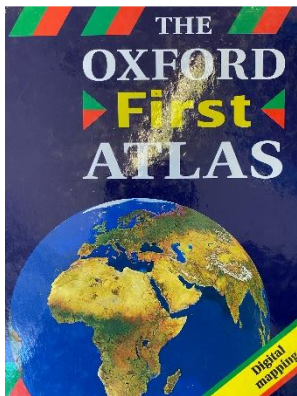


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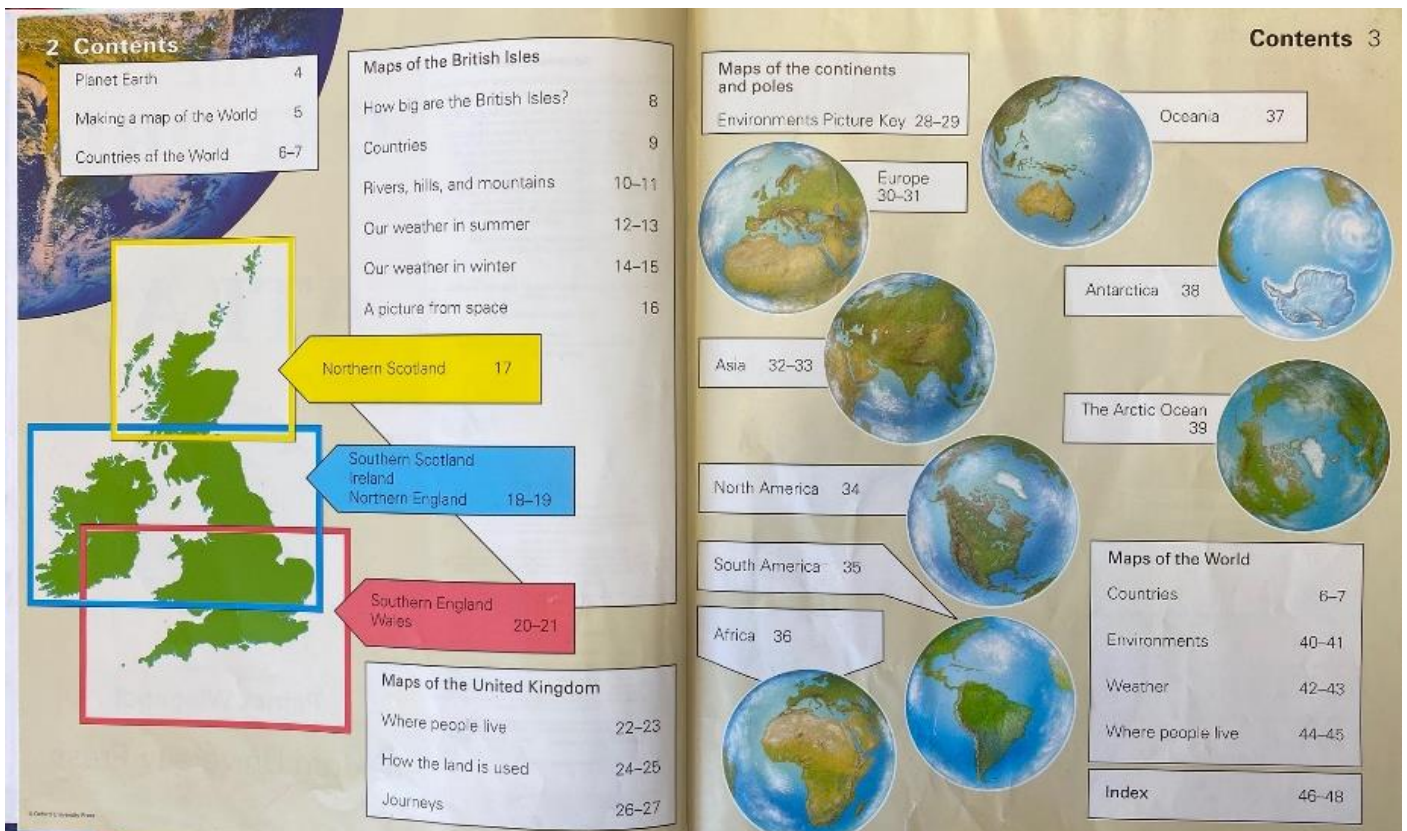
Today we're going to look at an atlas, which is a special type of book with lots of maps in. They're fascinating to look at and will really help you to get a better understanding of the world. If you don't have one at home, and just because they're great anyway, there are online ones like Google Maps or Google Earth that are wonderful resources to look at too.

Here's the one I found in the school library...



One of the first pages in an atlas is the contents (lots of other non-fiction books have one too). This page helps you to find information quickly. You don't get one in a story book because you don't need to find things in them – you just read it from start to finish.

I can see page numbers next to subheadings, so I know where to go to find more about that place or subject. For example, I can see a yellow box around Northern Scotland and the number 17 next to it, so I know I could turn to page 17 to find a map of there.



Let's see if you can use the contents page to know where to find information.

1. What page should I look at to find Wales? (not 'whales' – they're the creatures that swim in the sea!)
2. What continent would I learn about on page 36?
3. Where would you find more about the Arctic Ocean?
4. Create three of your own questions to ask someone at home.

And my final question... What is an index page for? (p46-48 on here). If you have a book with one in, have a go at using it.