## GRID REFERENCES

Grid references are a 6 digit number. They are made up of two halves of 3 digit numbers.

## Eg. 236457 => 236457

Each 3 digit number has an imaginary decimal point after the first 2 digits


Eg 236 => 23.6 and 457 => 45.7

A grid on the map will have the 2 digit whole numbers on each grid line.


The first 3 digits of the 6 digit grid reference is called an Easting. It runs along the bottom and the numbers get larger as you go to the East.

The second set of 3 digits is called the Northing. It runs along the side of the map and the numbers get bigger as you go North.

In between each 2 digit number you can imagine each grid divided by tenths and these are the third digit on each of the 3 digits parts.

To remember which is first (the easting or the northing) you have to run along the floor before you can climb the stair. Or you have to go East to the coast before you can go North.

Try to locate our grid reference of 236457.

