



Year 1

Bright Lights, Big City

Hop on board a big, red bus and head for England's capital. Yes, that's right, we're on our way to London!

This half term, we'll take tea with the Queen and visit Buckingham Palace online. Using maps and research, we'll locate Buckingham Palace, understand compass directions, plan routes around London and learn about the countries of the United Kingdom. Our research will take us back in time to the Great Fire of London and to famous London landmarks, as well as giving us an understanding of what it's like to live in a big city. We'll Skype a school in a city far away, write adventure stories, take a virtual trip to London Zoo and make souvenirs for tourists.

At the end of our project, we'll share our skills and knowledge with you. Our class will tell well-known stories about London, make a stop-motion animation and share traditional British songs and nursery rhymes.

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| Memorable experience | A royal visit |
| Innovate challenge | Marley the Meerkat's trip to London |
| English | Recounts, Labels and captions; Adventure narratives; Instructions; Emails; Character descriptions |
| Geography | Countries and capital cities of the UK (London focus); Using locational language; Using maps; Geographical similarities |
| Computing | Searching the web; Digital images; Algorithms; Logical reasoning; Creating and debugging programs; Common uses of information technology; Communication; E-safety; Stop motion animation |
| D&T | Exploring mechanisms; Constructing moving models; Understanding where food comes from; Designing and making souvenirs; Models of London landmarks |
| History | The Great Fire of London |
| Music | Traditional songs and nursery rhymes |
| PSHE | Being an active citizen |
| Science | Everyday materials; Working scientifically |
| Science investigations | How do you make bread? How do things move? |

Help your child prepare for their project

Cities are exciting places. Why not visit a local city to spot interesting vehicles, buildings and landmarks? Alternatively, you could search the web for images, information and film clips about London and keep

a scrapbook of your findings. You could also visit the local library to see if you can find some colourful books of nursery rhymes and traditional songs to enjoy together.

