

Dear Parents, carers and children.

We hope you are fit and well and enjoying some of your home learning.

Please find below topic ideas to support our next topic, which is Bright Lights Big City.

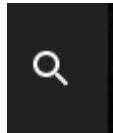
We look forward to seeing some of your work so please ask an adult to send us an email with a copy or photograph of some of the amazing things you have been doing.

At this time of social distancing and lockdown Google earth - [https://www.google.co.uk/intl/en\\_uk/earth/](https://www.google.co.uk/intl/en_uk/earth/) is a super tool to show the children different parts of the world both locally and across the world.

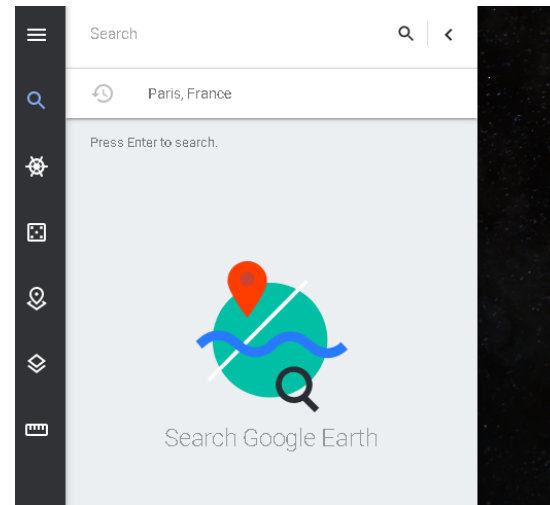
Once you have the home page at the bottom left hand corner, it will say launch earth. Click on this button and this image will appear - it may take a few seconds.



Click on the search icon



and this window will open



Type in the search bar any postcode, country, city or place and you will be able to see an aerial view. If you then click on the small person at the lower right hand corner you can then move from an aerial view to a street view and move around virtually.



In addition to the half term topic ideas, we are sending a weekly timetable of learning and learning links for your children to complete. Parents and carers, if you have any questions about any of the learning tasks please contact us via our class email: [Y1@kcps.org.uk](mailto:Y1@kcps.org.uk).

We look forward to seeing you all again soon. Continue to stay safe.

Ms Roddis and Mrs Malin.

Draw a map of a city and direct a toy car or figure using words such as forwards, backwards, straight ahead, left, right, up, down, under and over. You can use numbers too if you like.



Build a real or fantasy city using Lego, blocks or 3-D junk material from home. Play with your city using figures and vehicles.

Look out of a window, spot and talk about different types of vehicles with an adult. Can you draw and label a vehicle that you can see?



With an adult, look at pictures on the internet or in books you have at home. Create and label a picture or map of a fantasy city. What type of buildings would be in your city and what would they look like? What transport would people use in this city?

# Topic ideas.



# Bright Lights, Big City

Create a 2-D city shape picture. Can you label the shape names? What are the properties of the shapes in your picture?



Create a city song to the tune of The Wheels on the Bus. Your song should start with, 'I went to the city, and I saw...'



Make a cityscape artwork and ask an adult to email a copy or photo to [Y1@kcps.org.uk](mailto:Y1@kcps.org.uk)



Search the web with an adult to find images of different cities in the world. Create a scrapbook of your favourite cities and include pictures, labels and captions. Can you find and record a short fact about each city?

Bradford Paris  
London Sheffield Edinburgh

# Bright Lights, Big City

## United Kingdom

The United Kingdom is a union of four countries. They are England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. Their capital cities are London, Belfast, Edinburgh and Cardiff.



## Maps

A map is a picture that shows an area of land or sea. When using a map, we use words such as next to and behind to describe where something is and words such as left and right to explain how to get somewhere.

Maps use symbols to show where features are located, such as stations, parking, roads and rivers.



station



road



parking



river

## London

London is a large urban settlement. It is the largest city in the United Kingdom. Almost nine million people live there. The River Thames flows through London. Here are some important and famous London landmarks.



Houses of Parliament



Tower Bridge



Royal Albert Hall



London Eye

## HM Queen Elizabeth II

Queen Elizabeth II is the current monarch of the United Kingdom. She was born in 1926 and became queen in 1952. The Queen is famous across the world.



HM Queen Elizabeth II

## The Great Fire of London

The Great Fire of London was a significant event in London's history. It began in a bakery on Pudding Lane on Sunday 2nd September 1666. Many buildings were destroyed, including St Paul's Cathedral. Today, a monument stands near the place where the fire began.



Monument to the Great Fire of London

## Geographical features

There are many geographical features in the United Kingdom. Some features are human and some are physical.

### Human features

Human features are things that are man-made and include schools, monuments, airports, shops, houses, hospitals, parks and roads.



school



church

### Physical features

Physical features are things that occur naturally and include rivers, forests, hills, mountains and cliffs.



hills



cliffs

## Town and countryside

The United Kingdom is made up of cities, towns and villages. Life in a city can be very different from life in a village in the countryside.

### Life in a city

A city is a large urban settlement where lots of people live and work. There are many shops, restaurants, museums and theatres.



City of London

### Life in the countryside

The countryside is a rural area outside of a town or city. Less people live and work in the countryside than in a city.



Village of Corton Denham, Somerset

## Glossary

**capital city** A city that is home to the government and ruler of a country.

**city** A large town, often with a cathedral.

**country** A large area of land that has its own government.

**countryside** An area of land with fields, villages and farms.

**landmark** An important building or place.

**queen** A female ruler of a kingdom.

**rural** Used to describe an area that is located in the countryside.

**urban** Used to describe an area of land or human settlement where lots of people live and work.

**village** A small group of houses and buildings that is usually in the countryside.

## Did you know?

- The most visited cities in 2016 were: Bangkok, London, Paris, Dubai, New York, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Istanbul, Tokyo, Seoul, Hong Kong, Barcelona, Amsterdam, Milan, Taipei, Rome, Osaka, Vienna, Shanghai, Prague.
- The exact centre of London is marked by a plaque inside a church called St Martin-in-the-Fields, which is located on the northeast corner of Trafalgar Square.
- There is a strange-looking building in London, nicknamed the Gherkin, which is 180 metres high. It gets its name because it looks a bit like a giant gherkin, a type of cucumber.
- In the 1800s, London became the first city to reach a population of more than one million people. It was the largest city in the world until Tokyo overtook it in the 1900s.
- The Great Fire of London destroyed most of London in 1666, including more than 13,000 houses, 84 churches and 40 halls.
- More than 100,000 people were made homeless after the Great Fire of London, and the damage would have cost over £1 billion in damages today.
- The Great Fire of London did not spread across London Bridge, which meant it was kept to the City of London and did not damage any buildings on the other side of the river.
- Edinburgh is the capital city of Scotland.
- Cardiff is the capital city of Wales.
- Belfast is the capital city of Northern Ireland.
- Some of the largest cities in the world are Shanghai, Beijing, Karachi, Lagos, Mumbai, Buenos Aires and Moscow.

