

General Aim - To name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas

In Sycamore class, we plan activities to suit the needs of our learners, and incorporate individual MAPPS target to make the learning relevant to each pupil. The priorities for our learners are communication skills, motor skills, and learning to work with others. The initial outline for activities is below, and further activities will be added throughout the term, and included in daily planning.

Learning for some -

1. To learn that the United Kingdom is made up of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland
2. To learn that each country has a capital city - London, Edinburgh, Cardiff and Belfast
3. To learn one (or more) distinctive landmarks of each capital city

Focus on one city per week, roughly.

Art, D&T incorporating motor skills and maths.

- Creating models/dens of landmarks (to be used in P.E)
- Making signposts and flags for use in P.E and role play
- Creating a picture map of the UK for display
- Making a London Bus
- **Motor skills** - using tools (scissors, paint tools, ruler)

Mathematics

- **Vocabulary of size** - comparing heights of landmarks - bigger, biggest, smaller, smallest.
- **Knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes** - in relation to building models of the landmarks.
- **Counting practice and measuring length/height/distance** - counting our strides and experience of using rulers, metre sticks, trundle wheels
- **Coding and directions** - outside play - following instructions to move between cities.

Communication, interaction and literacy

- **Individual writing tasks** - writing city and county labels to attach to maps
- **Using Twinkl resources to support learning about each capital city** - e.g., fact matching cards, word searches, bingo, powerpoints, photos
- **Descriptive language** - verbal communication and use of PECS to describe landmarks
- **Reading** - library books, powerpoints, fact sheets.
- **Working with others** - learning to share space, and take turns during activities
- **Communicating choices** - using voice or symbols to make choices between and within activities
- **Attention skills** - watching and listening to programmes and answering questions
- **Makaton signs** - e.g., Mr Tumble and Singing Hands online

Sensory, music, outdoor play and movement

Songs/nursery rhymes/videos

- London Bridge is Falling down (various versions)
- Wheels On The Bus Go Round And Round Song | London City | Popular Nursery Rhymes by ChuChu TV
- Peppa Pig London
- <https://coopercottages.com/scottish-nursery-rhymes-and-children-songs/>
- Video of Edinburgh castle and Tattoo

Movement/role play

- **Marching and drumming** inspired by Edinburgh tattoo
- **P.E** - games involving movement between the 4 different cities (marching, flying, driving, sailing, etc)
- **Coding activity outside** - using the big buttons to listen to and follow instructions.
- **Scooter boarding** - making a London Bridge using boxes then crashing it down

Resources and ideas to get started -

- Twinkl has a range of activities relating to each capital city (powerpoints, photos, bingo, word search, matching)
- BBC Bitesize KS1 Let's Explore the UK
- BBC Teach Geography KS1: Transport, travel and landmarks of London
- Cbeebies - GoJetters - Series 1:26 - Big Ben, England
- Cbeebies - Go Jetters - Caernarfon Castle Wales
- <https://coopercottages.com/scottish-nursery-rhymes-and-children-songs/>
- Youtube video - Edinburgh Castle and the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo | Video Tour
- Peppa Pig London - We Love Peppa Pig London #9
- Cbeebies - Something Special in London - features London Bridge and London Eye (accessed through dailymotion.com) MAKATON
- PinkFong - London Tour - London Bus Tour
- Stories (online and from our library) - e.g., *Maisie Goes to London*

To be continued...

London Bridge and London Eye

Design and Technology
turns, cooperation

Working together, sharing, taking

Motor Skills

Mathematics

Communication - verbally and symbols

Links to music - London Bridge is Falling Down



Personalising for Sycamore Class





Cardiff Castle



Edinburgh Castle



Belfast – crossing the Irish Sea – The Titanic Museum.