

## Year 1 Autumn 2 - 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, 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. After learning about the landmarks, we will step into the shoes of architects and recreate them using various materials. We'll write postcards to children living in different cities far away before creating a London guide book for tourists. At the end of our project, our class will begin learning about Christmas in cities around the world, the seasonal traditions that our Big City has and we will redesign the world famous Christmas lights that line Oxford Street!

<b>ILP focus</b>	<b>Geography</b>
<b>English</b>	Recounts, labels, captions, adventure stories, instructions, emails
<b>Geography</b>	Directions, maps, countries, capital cities, human geography
<b>Computing</b>	Internet research, digital images, creating and debugging programs, stop-motion animation
<b>D&amp;T</b>	Model making, mechanisms
<b>History</b>	The Great Fire of London
<b>Mathematics</b>	Sequencing and directions
<b>Music</b>	Traditional songs and nursery rhymes
<b>PSHE</b>	Citizenship
<b>Science</b>	Everyday materials

### 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.