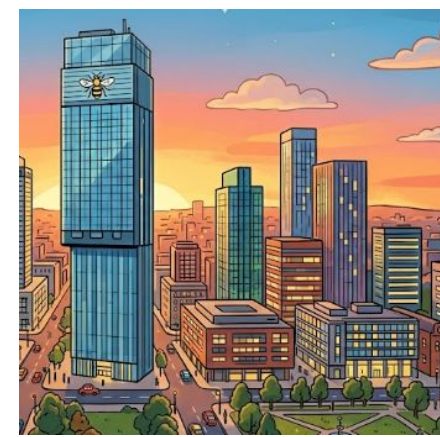




Year 1 Topic:



Our City: Manchester

Welcome to the bustling streets of our local city! This half-term, Year 1 will become urban explorers as we map out the vibrant geography of Manchester. We will learn how to spot famous local landmarks, look at our world from a bird's-eye view using aerial photographs, and discover what makes a busy city environment different from a quiet country village. Along the way, we'll even step into the artistic shoes of L.S. Lowry to recreate our own industrial cityscapes.

Sticky Learning

- What is the name of the capital city of England?
- Which famous local artist painted industrial cities using "matchstick" people?
- Is a city bigger or smaller than a village?

Vocabulary:

- Overlap
- Printing
- Artist
- Materials
- Landscape
- Evaluate

Key People:

- **L.S.Lowry** - a painter who based his art on life in north-west England, particularly Salford, Manchester.
- **Emmeline Pankhurst** - Born in Moss Side, she was the fierce political activist who led the British suffragette movement and helped women win the right to vote.

Key Facts:

- Manchester is a city.
- Rochdale is a town.
- Rochdale is part of Greater Manchester.
- Cities have lots of tall buildings and skyscrapers.



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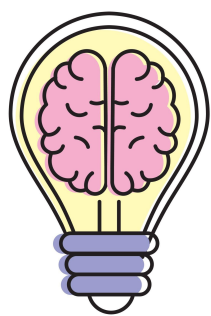
Engage



Our urban adventure kicks off with a sensory "Mystery Box" challenge containing iconic local items like a rain poncho, a toy tram, and symbols of the famous worker bee. We will then use digital mapping tools to take a virtual, bird's-eye tour over our school, zooming out to see the high-rise landmarks of Manchester from a spectacular aerial perspective.



Develop



We will investigate the difference between human and physical geographical features, learning why Manchester is classified as a city while neighboring areas are towns or villages. We will explore the historical townscapes painted by local artist L.S. Lowry, using mixed media to build our own busy city collages. Additionally, children will master the basic geography of the UK by identifying its four countries and their respective capital cities.



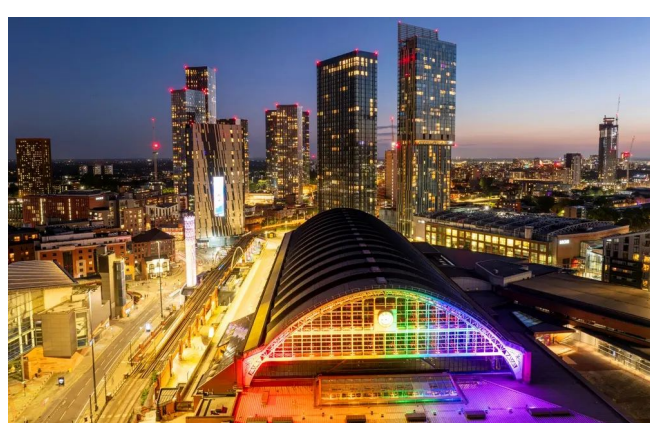
Global Investigation:



Can I make my own city skyline?

Class Text

Exploration texts of cities and Manchester



Find out more:

- [BBC Bitesize - Cities, Towns and Villages](#)
- [The Lowry - What's On](#)