

Urban Masterpiece Curriculum Newsletter ~ Year 3

Hopefully Summer will soon be here so please could you ensure that your child comes to school with a full water bottle, sun hat and with sun cream already applied. We would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that your child is still required to wear their full school uniform. On PE days, Thursdays and every other Friday, they should wear the correct school PE uniform. The one way system is still currently in operation and we ask you to continue to follow this to protect our school community.

This term's topic is **Urban Masterpiece**. During this project, we will be exploring the culture and environment of our home town. Children will develop their knowledge of buildings within our local area, urban art and photography, and learn how to improve our school environment.

Please find below a list of our core areas for learning, along with a glossary of key vocabulary that will be discussed over the course of our project.

Features of our town



History of our town

Most towns develop near rivers and ports, which provided good transport links, or were close to natural resources, such as coal.

Urban art

Art created outside on walls and buildings is known as urban art. Graffiti is a form of urban art that is mainly made up of words, whereas some pieces of urban art include pictures too. Urban artists use spray paint to create words and pictures that usually show the feelings of the artist or give a political message. Urban art is now part of popular culture, thanks to artists such as Banksy. It is important to remember that it is illegal to create graffiti or other forms of urban art on walls or buildings without permission.



Glossary

district	An area of a city or country.
industry	An activity involving the production of goods in factories.
light source	Something that produces and gives out light, such as the Sun.
monument	A building, statue or structure that is built to honour an event or person.
opaque	An object or material that can not be seen through.
pedestrian	A person who is walking rather than travelling in a vehicle.
port	A town by the sea or by a river that has a harbour.
reflect	To send back light, heat or sound without absorbing it.
residential	An area where there are private houses, not offices and factories.
settlement	A place where people live.
urban	In, from or belonging to a town or city.