

Street Detectives



Grab a magnifying glass, put on your deerstalker and change your name to Sherlock because we're going to become street detectives!

This half term, we'll follow a route around our local streets and take pictures of the buildings, businesses and plants we can see. Talking to residents about the area will help us understand how the local community could be improved. We'll learn nursery rhymes, write poetry and create persuasive adverts. Looking at photographs will help us to spot any similarities and differences between the houses and shops of today and the past. We'll find out about the history of our school and talk to former pupils about their experiences. We'll also study and draw maps, create a model of a local building, draw portraits of the people we have met and look at the work of urban artists.

At the end of our project, we'll design posters to advertise a 'Big spring clean' around school before cleaning and tidying the school grounds.

ILP focus	Knowledge and understanding of the world
Language, literacy and communication	Recounts and captions, nursery rhymes, instructions, adverts, diary writing
Mathematical development	Time, data handling, angle and position
Personal and social development, well-being and cultural diversity	Belonging to a community, improving the local area
Knowledge and understanding of the world	Changes within living memory, local people, places and events, fieldwork in the local area, maps and aerial images, everyday materials, identifying plants
Physical development	Keeping fit
Creative development	Famous local artists, drawing, painting or collaging views from the local area, selecting tools and materials, baking, sign making, designing buildings

Help your child prepare for their project

Become street detectives and explore your local community. Why not visit a local museum to see what the local area was like in days gone by? You could also look up at the roofs of local buildings to spot interesting carvings and chimney shapes. Alternatively, read the book *A Street Through Time* by Steve Noon together to see how one street has changed over thousands of years.