Home Learning Challenges

Urban Pioneers

Here is a selection of homework challenges based on our topic in class this term. You may choose which tasks you complete and when. There is no obligation and some challenges will take longer than others. Please complete each activity with care and to the best of your ability.

Bring each piece of work in upon completion to be displayed and claim your house points!

1 House Point	2 House Points	3 House Points
Photograph examples of graffiti – decide if you think it is art or vandalism	Look at a striking urban landmark building such as the Gherkin or the Shard in London, or the Flat Iron building in New York. Make a collection of images you like in a scrapbook.	Imagine you have been asked to design a new building to inspire the residents of your town or city. Design your architectural masterpiece and perhaps make a model of it!
Sign your name graffiti-style – on paper that is! There are online 'graffiti creators' which will convert your name into graffiti-style lettering. Print your design idea and bring it to school	Look at structures in your nearest town or city such as bridges, towers or tunnels. Which is the oldest structure? Which is the newest?	Go gargoyle spotting! Look up in church yards and see if you are being watched by a stone gargoyle. Take photographs and then try to recreate a 3-D replica of the strange creatures at home, using modelling materials
Take a virtual tour of cities around the world, exploring images online. Compile a list of places you would like to visit.	Follow the path of a river through a town. The river is often the starting point for the building of a city. Look for early bridges – maybe the name of the city includes the river	Upload an image of a prominent city centre building to a drawing program. Crop the picture so that only half of it remains. Use your drawing skills to recreate the other half of the picture, adding colour and tone
Find out about animals that live in the city, such as foxes, peregrine falcons and pigeons. Make a list of animals you have spied and find out about their habitat and how they survive in an urban environment	What makes a great city? Is it the parks and water features, the friendly people or the clean, litter-free streets? Decide what is important to you in a city.	Imagine you have to entertain a visitor from another country. You want to impress them with your home town. Where would you take them for a day trip? Plan an itinerary showing them the best of your local area.

This challenge grid runs up until the end of Autumn half term.