

Comparing 'My Town' to New York City in U.S.A

Group of Four – focus on communication, sensory and positive interaction	Sixth Form – focus on life skills, ASDAN and ArtsMark qualifications
<p><u>My town</u> – Berwick-Upon-Tweed, Coldstream, Melrose Bus trips to each place. Driving around – <i>'what can we see?'</i>, using communication aids, proloquo2go. Taking photographs of what we see and each pupil making a book about 'My Town'. Examples – town hall, seaside, parks, river, shops, cafes, Hirsell. Links to Geography and Outdoor Learning – the natural and urban environment; the buildings.</p>	<p><u>Geography, linking to art, photography, ICT</u> Comparing the landscape of Berwick to the cityscape of New York Links to photography and art. Comparing the size of the buildings Iconic buildings and places- Empire State Building and Statue of Liberty. Central Park Transport – how do New Yorkers travel? The underground. New York taxis. The blocks</p>
<p><u>Researching New York</u> ICT - Using school360 to find out about New York. Skyscrapers Researching famous buildings – Empire State Building and Statue of Liberty Links to ICT and art work – modelling skyscrapers; skyscraper scenes.</p>	<p><u>Maths</u> Currency – pounds and dollars Cost of living – e.g., comparing the cost of food and drink in restaurants</p>
<p><u>Comparing the food we eat</u> What food do we eat at school and at home. What are our favourite foods? Traditional foods. What food is New York famous for? Burgers, bagels. Links to cooking and role play – organising our own fast food diner. Links to communication – asking for our food at the counter. Links to maths – pricing our food and paying for our food. American money – dollars.</p>	<p><u>Food, Cooking, Diet, Health</u> Comparing foods - traditional fast food in Berwick (fish and chips) to New York Fast Food (Burgers, bagels, etc) Portion size comparison – America famous for big portions! Health implications of the fast food diet – obesity.</p>
<p><u>Finding out about sports, linking to P.E, Music and Dance</u> Scottish Borders – Melrose – Rugby. The rugby strip – what colours? Asking family about their sporting experiences. Photos for our pupils' individual books. Berwick Rangers – football – Shielfield. The football strip – what colours? Compare to..... New York sports and teams– American football; baseball; ice hockey. Links to music and dance - New York Cheerleader – moving to music. Links to P.E and maths - ball shapes; ball skills; vocabulary of high/low Links to art and design – cheerleading – accessories; dressing up; hair styles</p>	<p><u>Art, Music and Artsmark</u> Berwick artists – Lowry (or more contemporary artist?). Visit to arts related places in Berwick – Maltings, Granary Gallery, Gymnasium Gallery http://www.berwickvisualarts.co.uk/ New York Graffiti artists New York based music artists – rappers. New York dance – hip hop Creating artwork of the New York skyscraper and the Berwick seaside.</p>

