

'Bright Lights, Big City' Homework Ideas

Compare and contrast Tokyo and London. What do they have in common? How are they different? What famous landmarks do they have? What is the transport system like?

Research the history of the Olympic and Paralympic Games and prepare a presentation for your class.

Explore Japanese arts and crafts and famous artists such as Sesshu Toyo, Ogata Korin, or Katsushika Hokusai.

Learn some basic Japanese words and phrases.

Learn as many countries and capital cities around the world as you can.

Investigate the history of an Olympic or Paralympic sport. Why/when was it invented? How has it changed over time?

Design an Olympic mascot.

Write a comic strip in the Japanese manga style.

Watch a Japanese film such as, 'My Neighbour Totoro,' 'Ponyo', or for older children 'Spirited Away.'

Taste test or make some Japanese food such as sushi, miso soup or ramen noodles.

Explore the geography of Japan and explain why volcanoes and earthquakes occur.

Explore differences and similarities between Japanese and English schools.

Make a kinchaku, drawstring bag.

Create a Tokyo travel guide. Where would you like to visit?

Hold a hanami celebration (a cherry blossom-viewing picnic).

Make a kakejiku (hanging scroll) and decorate it with a painting or shodo (Japanese calligraphy).

Compare the role of the Japanese samurai to European knights. Build a model Japanese castle.

Challenge yourself to do at least an hour's physical activity every day for a week. Record your activity and how you feel at the end of the week.

Or choose your own 'Bright Lights, Big City' themed idea.

English:

- Read daily for at least 30 mins – Log in reading records and spelling bug/ grammar
- Spelling – Revise year group spellings see <https://www.highfieldprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/Word-list-for-all-years.pdf>
- Watch newsround daily – Summarise in a paragraph
- Write letters to relatives in different countries/different parts of this country
- Write messages to people who are isolated in the local community

Maths:

- Practise number bonds and times tables
- Time – Practise telling the time
- Cooking – A good opportunity to practise weighing, measuring and using ratio

Other Useful Ideas:

- Linguascope – French
- Fit in 15
- Board Games
- Set up and indoor circuit
- Design your own board game

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Fun Friday
Session 1 A.M.	English	English	English	English	Topic and creative projects Art/D&T/Cooking/ Music/French
Session 2 A.M.	Get active – dance/yoga/outdoor play	Get active – dance/yoga/outdoor play	Get active – dance/yoga/outdoor play	Get active – dance/yoga/outdoor play	
Session 3 A.M.	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	
Lunch					
Session 4 P.M.	Science	Topic (History/Geography/R.E.)	Topic (History/Geography/R.E.)	Computing	
Session 5 P.M.	Get active – dance/yoga/outdoor play	Get active – dance/yoga/outdoor play	Get active – dance/yoga/outdoor play	Get active – dance/yoga/outdoor play	
Free time / Helping at home / Reading					

This timetable is for your reference only, as different schedules will suit different families.