

What can we find
out about life in
Istanbul?





St. Benet's RC Primary School

Upper Junior Project

Istanbul is a fascinating, endearing and enchanting city. Geographically it is unique, spanning two continents and being one of the biggest cities in the world. The project focuses upon all aspects of life in Istanbul, with the key point being to promote good practice in geography teaching.

The project is structured around 6 geography lessons and these represent the core learning that must take place. Teachers have the flexibility to support this study with cross-curricular lessons and often take the lead from the children's learning and interest.

It is our aim to provide our children with a broad and balanced curriculum where exciting and stimulating lessons promote the development of children's knowledge, understanding and skills as part of the wider school curriculum.

Coverage of the geography curriculum



Cross-curricular links

Literacy	Maths	ICT and Art
Non-fiction reading and reading comprehension	Compass directions	ICT The most obvious link, to my mind, is using the huge collection of images - for example in a multimedia presentation.
Fiction reading and accompanying Accelerated Quizzes	Data handling: Climate Data handling: Population growth	
Letter writing	Co-ordinates	
Explanation writing	Interpreting timetables	Art I'd suggest printing based on Turkish tile patterns.
Description of a setting	Problem solving	
Postcard writing		

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The project is supported by cross-curricular lessons (referred to as 'optional lessons'). These can be omitted and the project will still have coherence. However, they allow children time to deepen their understanding and are highly recommended. Optional lessons should be recorded in the main exercise book used for the project.

Geography	L1: Where is Turkey?	L5: Istanbul - a city by the sea	L9: Life in Istanbul	L16: A trip to the Grand Bazaar	L23: Garippe, a fishing village North of Istanbul	L24: Garippe and Istanbul
Literacy	L2: What can I find out about Turkey from reading a non-fiction text? Non-fiction reading comprehension L3a: A letter to the Turkish tourist board Letter writing L3b: A letter to parents	L8: Bridges of Istanbul - Contrast writing	L10: What is it like to live in Istanbul? L11: A description of a street scene in Istanbul L15: Can I use the Internet to find the answers to questions about the Grand Bazaar?	L17: A postcard home L18: A thank-you note Lesson L20: School in Turkey L21: Read a Turkish book L22: What is it like to start school in England?		Lesson 25: Garippe and Istanbul
Maths	L4: Compass directions	L6: Climate in Istanbul L7: Population growth in Istanbul	L12: Compass directions L13: Using co-ordinates Lesson 14: Maths lesson based on Bosphorus ferry timetable	L19: Visitors to the Grand Bazaar		L26: Green Lanes