**Year 1 Geography – Cities around the world**

Ideas to support your child with Geography learning

Each city can be studied over 1 or 2 weeks.

Below is a suggestion of information your child could find out about in order to create a small booklet about the city with pictures, an advertisement to encourage people to visit or a postcard imagining you have visited the city. These questions can be asked when looking at all cities around the world.

Title 1: **What do you notice?**

Begin by looking at some pictures of the city and thinking about;

Where this place could be, is it in the United Kingdom?

What do you think the weather is like?

Which continent is it in?

Title 2: **Where is it?**

Which country is this city in?

Is it a capital city?

Which continent is it in?

Can you name any oceans or seas that are around this country?

Can you locate this city on a world map?

How might you get to this city from Hatfield? Could you walk there?

Title 3: **Human (made by humans) and physical (made by nature) features**

Can you name some of the landmarks in the city?

Are there any museums, art galleries, cathedrals, parks, rivers, beaches?

Are there any buildings of key importance to the people that live in the city?

Can you sort the landmarks into 2 groups of human and physical features?

**EXAMPLE:** Havana, Cuba – **Human features:** Old Havana = this is the city centre of Havana. Here there are lots of colourful buildings, restaurants and shops. Malecon = this is promenade that stretches 5 miles along the coast in Havana. El Capitolio = in the past this building was used by the Cuban government. **Physical features:** Playas del este = this is a beach located to the east of Havana.

Title 4: **Weather**

What is the weather like in the summer months?

What is the weather like in the winter months?

Are there any similarities between the weather in this city and where you live?

Title 5: **Events**

Are there any significant events that take place every year?

What are these events for? Why are they celebrated?

Are they any of these events that you would like to go to? Why?

**EXAMPLE:** In Havana there is an international jazz festival held every December to celebrate jazz music and musicians. Performances take place in theatres and on the streets.

Title 6: **Any other interesting facts**

Which place would you like to visit?

Can you think of some similarities and differences between where you live and this city?