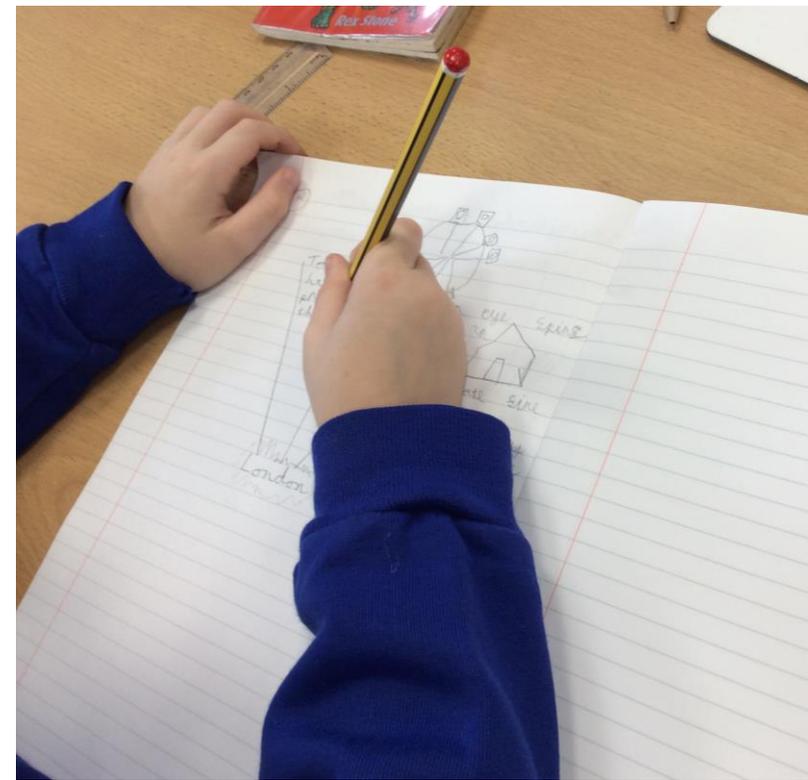
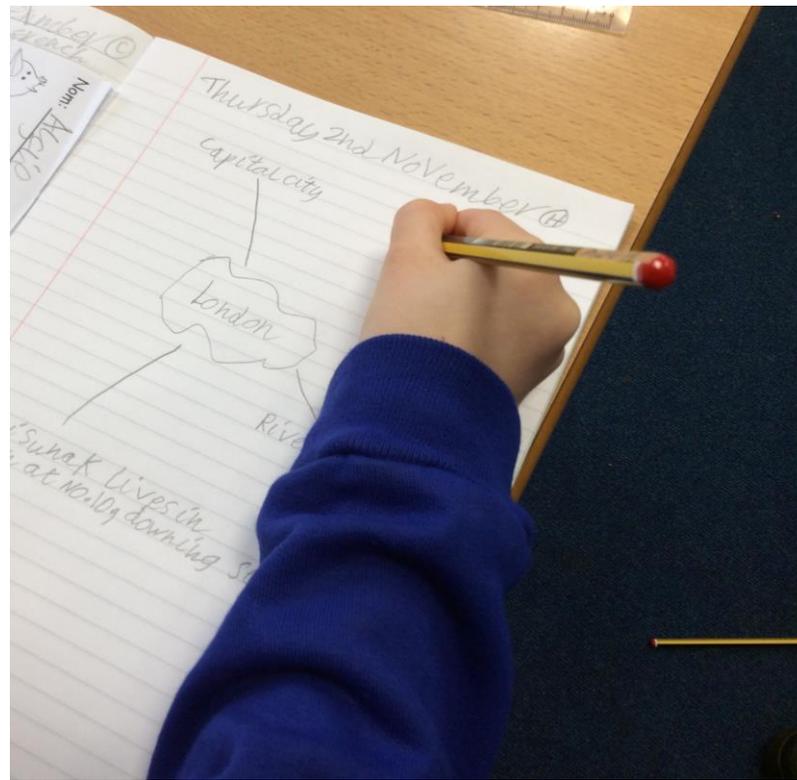
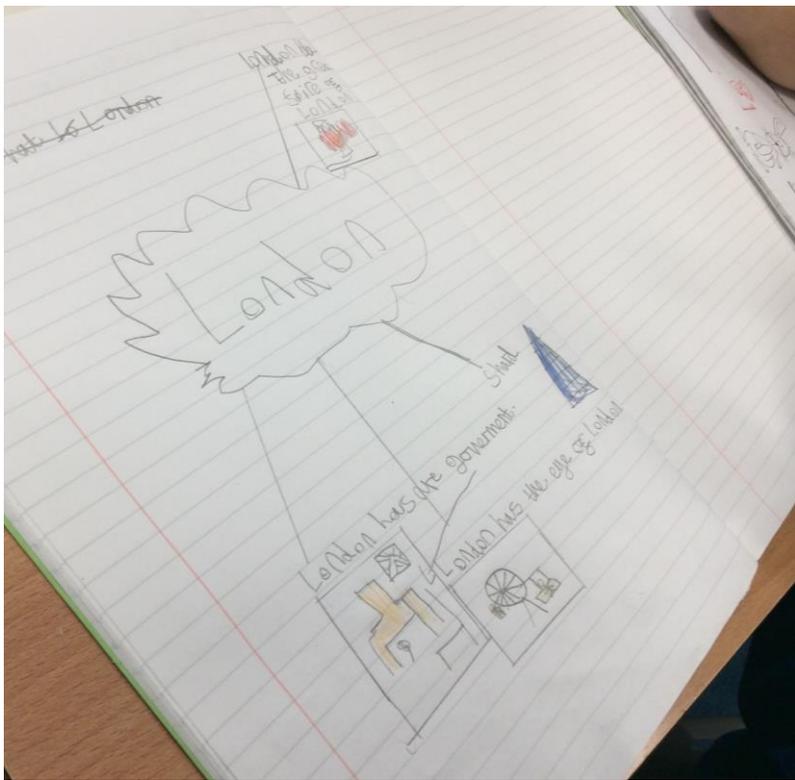


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Why is London the
capital of the United
Kingdom?



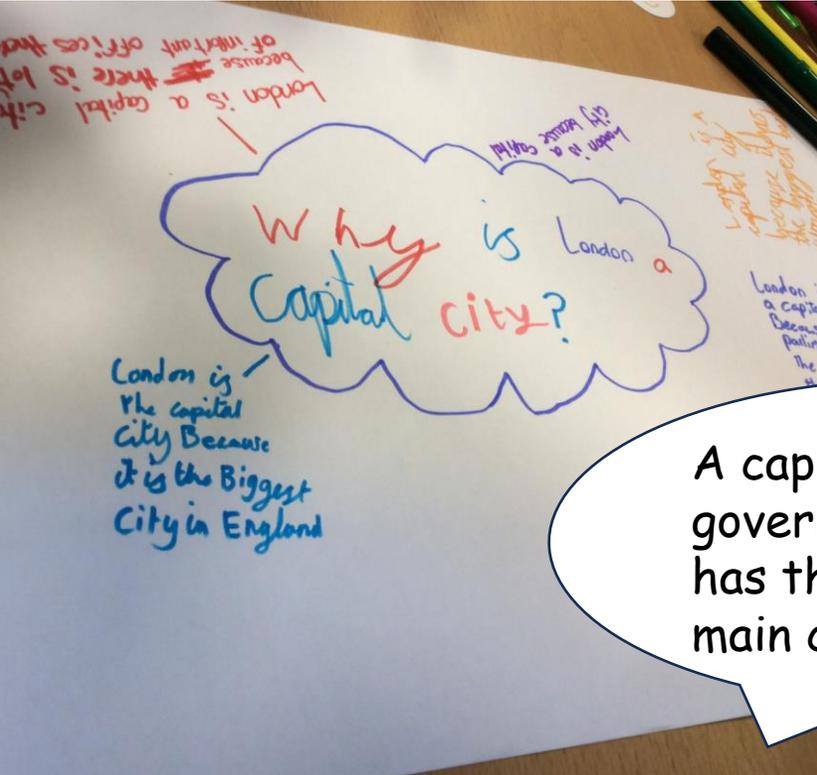


We first thought about what we already knew about London.

I knew London was the capital city.



We found out why London is the capital city of the United Kingdom.



A capital city has the government there. It has the biggest and main court.

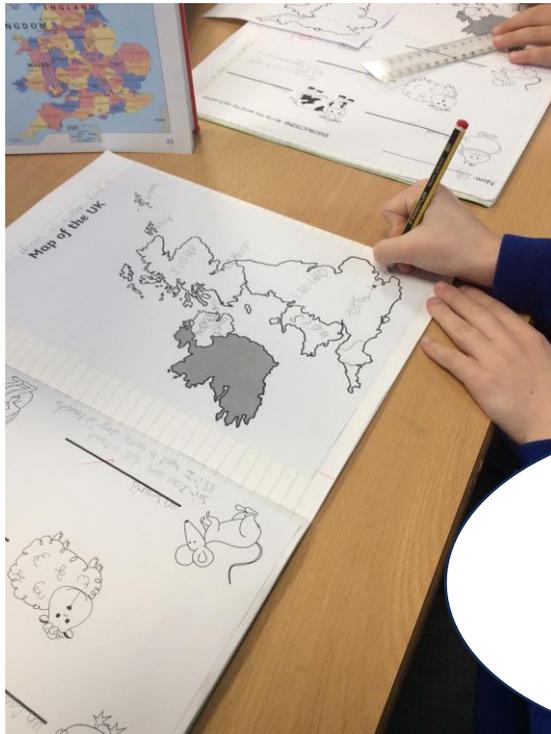




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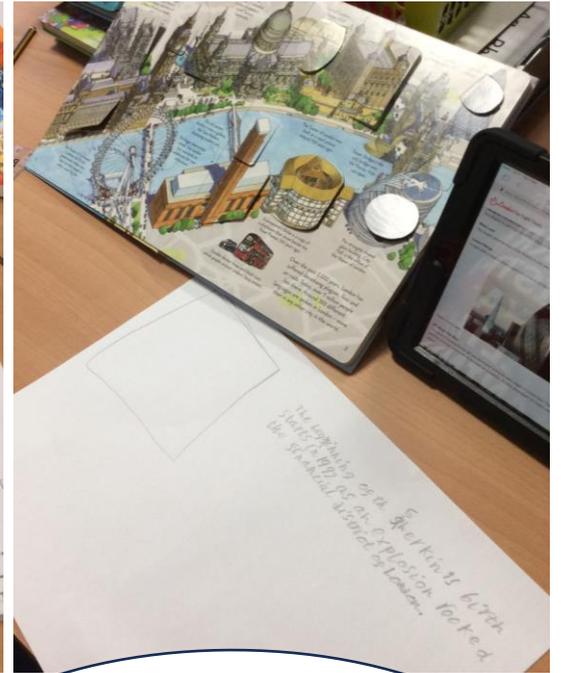
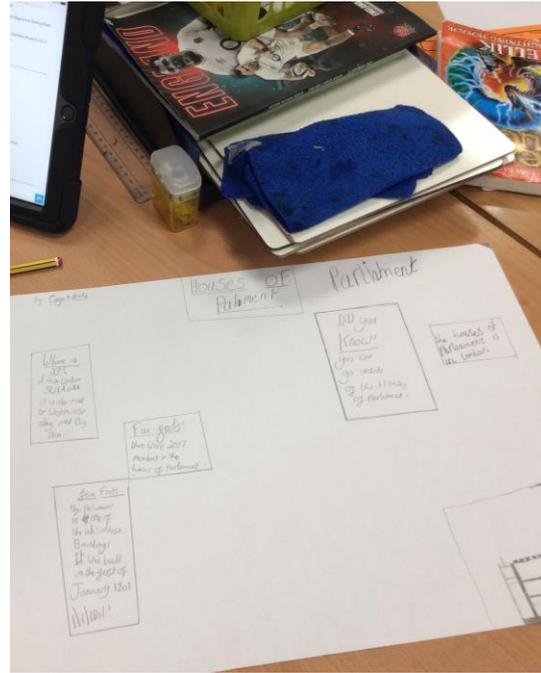
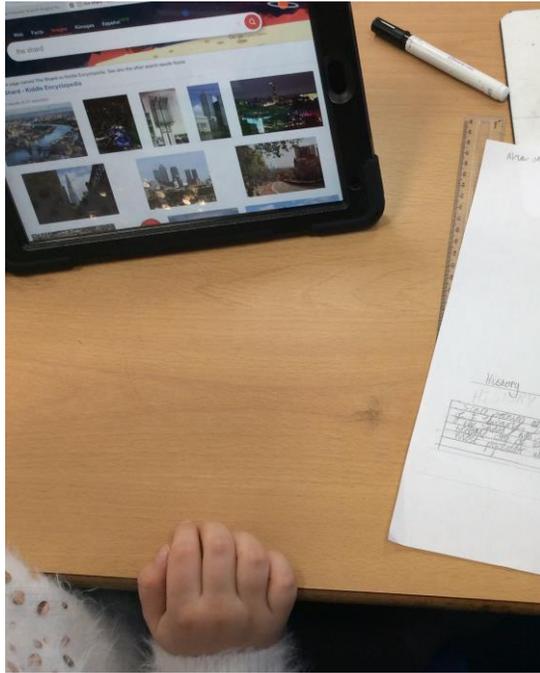
We used atlases to find different capital cities in Europe. The capital cities in the atlases were shown with a red star.

We used atlases to find the location of the different countries of the UK and their capital cities including London. We also found different counties near London and the River Thames.



Surrey was a county near London.





We researched some of the famous buildings in London. We then described features that make London a capital city.

The Gerkin is a famous London building and is an office.

Geography Knowledge Organiser

Year 3 /4 Why is London the capital of the United Kingdom?

Key knowledge
Know why London is our capital city
Know what a capital city is
Know some of the important features in London
Know the names and purpose of many of London's famous buildings
Known about the important features of home town or city
Know why most significant cities are situated next to a river

End point: I can describe features that make London the capital.

Vocabulary	
capital	A city or town in a country where the government has its headquarters
Houses of Parliament	The building where the UK elected representatives (MPs) meet to make decisions
monarchy	The royal family of a country
Buckingham Palace	The main London residence of the United Kingdom's king or queen
Underground	A system of trains that runs beneath the ground in London
Thames	The main river running through London



Prior Knowledge-

Volcanoes and earthquakes. Sketch maps. Great Fire of London, King and Queen, Shard, Underground, Houses of Parliament, Pudding Lane, expensive houses, cathedrals.

Personal Development

Children understand the important features of our capital city. Awareness of different places across the UK, transport and the importance of rivers.