



Tip Number Four: everyday learning Part 2

Following on from last week's Top Tips about everyday life holding lots of learning opportunities, how about going on a virtual city break over the weekend? None of us can travel in the flesh at the moment, but there's a lot you can gain from visiting somewhere virtually and finding out about a place, maybe making a scrapbook or presentation about your journey.

Here are some curriculum links for a virtual holiday:

- **Geography** – look at online maps of different kinds and navigate around them, e.g. Google Earth, Google maps, zooming in and out to look at continent, country, city, area and street. Find out where North is and look at an 8-point compass. Are there any major rivers nearby? Mountain ranges? You could look at the physical and human features of the area (physical geography is the study of the natural world whereas human geography is the study of places people have built, populations, cultures and local economies). You could compare that city with Bristol – what is similar? What is different? How does its climate compare to ours here? How has this place developed over time? Why was this originally a place that people settled?
- **History** – find out about the key events in that country's history or ones that are particular to that city. Visit a virtual museum. Find out about famous historical figures who lived or worked there.
- **Art** – find out about a famous artist from that place, either a historical figure or a contemporary artist who lives and works now. Write a review of one of their pieces of art. Can you use that person's style in your own artwork? Visit a virtual art gallery in that city – many of the big, famous ones are conducting virtual tours during lockdown.
- **Design & Technology** – cook a recipe of a classic dish from that country or city. Build a model of a famous bridge or building.
- **Modern Foreign Languages** – learn some words or phrases in that language. What would you need to know if you're going on holiday?
- **Music** – find out about a famous musician from that place, either a historical figure or modern-day. Listen to and critique a piece of music, developing an appreciation of what you like about a particular musical genre or style.

If you need some inspiration, Google has teamed up with thousands of museums and galleries from around the world to create online 'stories' of different exhibits. There's plenty of choice and you could link together different museums from the same city, e.g. NASA, the White House and the Smithsonian Institute in Washington or Anne Frank House and the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam.

<https://artsandculture.google.com/partner?hl=en&tab=pop>

Lots of the bigger museums also have their own virtual tours at the moment, so just Google away and see what you find.