



Cross Gates



Year Group: 1

Subject Focus: Geography

Term: Autumn 2

Key facts

- Cross Gates is a suburb in the city of Leeds. We are on the East of the city.
- Leeds is a city in England. England is one of the 4 countries that make up the United Kingdom. (England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.)
- Great Britain is an island which means it is surrounded by sea. (The North Sea, the Irish Sea and the English Channel.)
- There are many ways of travelling in Cross Gates including bus, train, car, walking, taxi, bike.
- There are many different types of buildings in Cross Gates. We have all kinds of housing, shops, banks, churches, schools, a fire station and a library.
- We can use maps, road signs and trusted adults to help us find our way if we are lost.
- When we are finding directions it is useful to know North, South, East and West.
- Atlases, globes, maps, plans and aerial photographs show us important features of a place.



Key words:

aerial view	a view from above
capital city	the city where the government sits. London is the capital city of England and the UK .
city	a large town. London and Leeds are cities.
compass point	any of the main points of a compass: North, South, East and West
country	an area of land that is controlled by its own government.
island	a piece of land that is completely surrounded by water
Great Britain	An island that is made up of England , Scotland and Wales .
town	an area with streets, houses, and buildings that is larger than a village but usually smaller than a city
United Kingdom	The UK is officially known as the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. It includes England , Scotland , Wales and Northern Ireland.
village	a small town or community, often in the country

Key places:

Country	Capital City	Flag	National Flower
England	London		rose
Scotland	Edinburgh		thistle
Wales	Cardiff		daffodil
Northern Ireland	Belfast		shamrock

Exciting books/ web links:



- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zyhp34j/articles/z4v3jhw>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/geography-ks1--ks2-cities-towns-villages/zjn492p>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RvDIZoQLgIE>

Parents as partners:

- Go to Cross Gates train station and write a list of places you can travel to or look at the bus numbers and see where the buses go.
- Take the train or bus to Leeds and see how the city changes during the journey.
- Visit Cross Gates shopping centre and write a list of all the different buildings that you saw.
- Draw a picture of your house and label all the rooms.
- Ask a person who has lived in Cross Gates a long time if it has changed a lot whilst they have lived there. Can they tell you how?
- Visit one of our wonderful parks in Leeds. What can you see in the distance surrounding the park?

