

If you can't go out, why not travel the world from home?

This week we travel to Germany.

The Rhine

The Rhine is the longest river in Germany. It has been an incredibly important waterway since the time of the Roman Empire. It is still a major European transport route today. There are over 150 castles in Germany, more than 40 of which are along the Rhine. The river forms a natural border between Germany and France. Many large settlements have developed on the banks of the River Rhine; these include Bonn, Dusseldorf and Cologne. Cologne cathedral took 632 long years to be fully built and is one of the most beautiful cathedrals in the world. Click [here](#) to find out more about Cologne.



Click to take a trip along the German Rhine



Watch the story by clicking on the picture.



Click [here](#) to take a tour of Hamelin

The Pied Piper of Hamelin

According to a medieval legend, the north German town of Hamelin was overrun with rats in 1284. Then one day, a mysterious man in a multi-coloured outfit appeared and offered to take care of the rats, if the people paid him. After the people of Hamelin agreed to the deal, the man played his pipe and led the rats out of town. Afterwards, the people refused to pay the piper. So, he came back a short time later and once again played his pipe. This time however, it was the children of Hamelin who followed him away. He led them to a cave in the mountains, where they disappeared.



Follow [these instructions](#) to make an origami rat.

Click on the picture to go to colouring pages



The Brothers Grimm

Jakob and Wilhelm Grimm were German academics who wrote fairy tales, and collected the tales which people told them. They published a collection of stories known as Grimms' Fairy Tales.

Click on the picture to listen to one of their stories.



Cuckoo Clocks

The cuckoo clock was invented in Germany in the 17th century.

Can you draw a cuckoo clock, click [here](#) to find out how or to make your own click [here](#).



Click on the clock to see how cuckoo clocks are made.

Virtually There

Watch these videos to learn some basic German vocabulary in real life settings:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/ks2-virtually-there-germany/zhky7nb>

Find out more...

- What is the capital of Germany? Take a virtual tour of this city [here](#).
- Albert Einstein was born in Germany, find out about him [here](#).
- Where is the Black Forest and what animals live there?

There are no limits to what you can discover!