

Street patterns

Draw your own map of each of the maps provided but only draw the roads that you can. Compare the patterns that you have created to a street map of the Wood Street area today. What do you think street map will like in 100 years' time?

Grids and coordinates

Draw a grid over a copy of one of the maps. Make sure each square that you create is uniformly 2cm – 3cm wide. Create a grid challenge or quiz to see if other people can locate particular places on your map.

Wood Street buildings

Use each map to look and compare the number of buildings that are shown. Can you match these to stories or other articles about Wood Street?

Walking Streets

Imagine you are walking down one of the streets on one of the maps? What would you see and hear? How would this compare to walking down Wood Street today or down the street during the time of one of the other maps?

Map it! Activity Mat

Maps describing Wood Street



Poetry Street

Copy the streets from one of the maps. Draw the streets wide enough so that you can write in between the lines. Thinking about what you have learnt about Wood Street so far, write some key phrases within the street

Key symbols

Take one of the maps and copy a broad outline of the streets. Add a key to the map, adding extra details as necessary. Explore a few keys from modern maps (OS Maps have great keys!) and add some extra symbols that you think would make sense.

Shape and structure

What structures and shapes seem to dominate the buildings on Wood Street? Are these common to other streets in towns across England? What shapes do you think are for strength and structure and which are for decoration? Are there some that are for both?

Investigate

Choose one of the buildings and try to find out a little more about it. Present your findings using a variety of descriptions including some dates, speech bubble quotes, close up images and sketches.

More Maths

Estimate some mathematical facts about each of the buildings. How high, wide and deep? How much £ to build? How many days to build and how many people were involved? How heavy were some of the key stones and how long were cables and wires and pipes?

Future buildings

Talk about what buildings could be a possible 'build for the future'. What need is there? Where would the building be placed? How could the building be designed to be 'sympathetic' to existing buildings but also represent a view to the future?

Build it!

8 buildings now and then on
Wood Street

In the post...

Write a post card that could have been written from a visitor to Wood Street describing two buildings. The post card should try and persuade the respondent to visit Wood Street also!

Building chatter

Talk about what it must have been like to construct some of these buildings. What stories did people share? What fears and aspirations were talked about? What technology and tools were used? Create a role play to illustrate possible conversations between builders.