


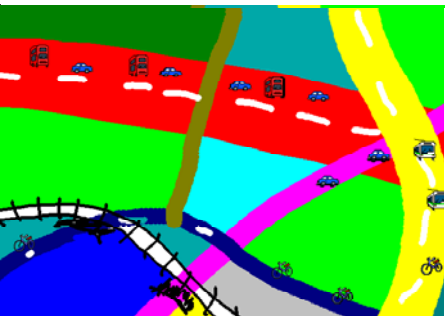


Starter Ideas for using RM Colour Magic to support 'Our Local Area' at P1/2

Using colour Magic at Yellow, Green or Blue level gives access to the 'Exercises' file which has some 'ready-made' activities.

<p>Activity 1 Hills and rivers landscape Use middle sized round paint brush. Make wavy lines from left to right, leaving a gap between. Make wavy lines flowing from top to bottom - representing rivers Use the fill tool in the gaps.</p>	
<p>Activity 2 Traffic in the street - Bus Load Colour Magic from the start and instead of using 'Start a New File' go to 'Exercises' Load the bus. Essentially this is just a colouring in exercise and may not be very valuable, but fine control of the 'drippy' fill tool is needed.</p>	
<p>Activity 3 Buildings in the street -Shop window Use paint tool to draw a large rectangle, using the sides of the screen as a guide. Talk about shapes of windows and doors and add them to the picture. Talk about what kind of shop it might be and what might be in the window. Teach changing the size of the brush to a narrower one add details of what might be in the window.</p>	 <p>Toy shop, Bakers, Clothes shop, etc</p>
<p>Activity 4 Roads and streets Teach pupils how to change both the type of brush (round, square and diamond)- and the thickness. Make roads and junctions. (Add railway if appropriate) Use narrow white lines to add road markings. Discuss what might be in the fields between. (Optional - Teach pupils how to access the Topic Bank stamp tools. Find the 'transport - small' or 'cars' stamps. Add a few items to the roads.)</p>	
<p>Activity 5 - In the town. Using stamps from the Topic Bank. Give pupils the opportunity to 'play' with the stamps tools. Show them how to get to the Geography > Geographical features. Explore the use of these - hills, houses, factories, trees. Discuss what features are around your school.</p>	