FUNFACT The Hague

The Hague is the state capital of the Netherlands which means "lower countries", and the country is sometimes called Holland. It is the home of Dutch people.

Nearly one-third of the land of the Netherlands lies below the level of the sea. This does not mean that the Dutch live actually on the sea bed beneath the waves. Being a clever and ingenious people they managed to drain and reclaim land from the sea. They call this new land a polder. Their land is very fertile and they grow a lot of food and flowers. They are particularly fond of tulips and their famous cheeses (Gouda and Edam).

The Netherlands are very very flat. Consequently the people love to cycle alongside their many canals. As their land is so flat they become very excited at the sight of hills and mountains and they have to travel abroad to experience the delight of cycling uphill.

There have many famous Dutch painters. Some of their names begin with the letter "V". Do you know who the are?

