



At Castle, our curriculum is designed to help every child grow as a Castle Citizen, developing values such as kindness, respect and responsibility. We celebrate our rich local heritage through themes like “We are Conisbrough!” which connect learning to real experiences in our community. To support this, we offer optional Castle Citizen Homework Projects each term — fun, creative activities that families can choose to enjoy together at home.

English	<i>As readers and writers, we are exploring the texts Farther and The Polar Express, using them to deepen our understanding of character, atmosphere and emotion. We will develop descriptive language and use varied sentence structures to create engaging and imaginative writing.</i>
Maths	<i>As mathematicians, we are focusing on multiplication and division, building accuracy and confidence with times tables and written methods. We will also learn to interpret and present data using bar charts, pictograms and tables.</i>
Science	<i>As scientists, we are learning about the classification of plants and animals, exploring how scientists group living things based on their features. We will identify similarities and differences, use classification keys and investigate how living things survive in their environments.</i>
History	<i>As historians, we are continuing our learning about the Ancient Greeks, exploring their daily life, beliefs, achievements and lasting influence on the modern world. We will investigate Greek myths, democracy and the origins of the Olympic Games.</i>
Geography	<i>As geographers, we are studying Mediterranean Europe, learning about its climate, landscapes, food and culture. We will compare Mediterranean regions with the UK and understand what makes this area unique.</i>
Art	<i>As artists, we are exploring light and how artists use it to create mood and atmosphere in their work. We will experiment with shading, tone and contrast to produce our own artwork.</i>
Design & Technology	<i>Linking to our Computing.</i>
Music	<i>As musicians, we are progressing through Glockenspiel Stage 2, developing our skills in reading notation and playing simple melodies with increasing accuracy. We will rehearse and perform as part of an ensemble, building confidence and musical control.</i>
Computing	<i>As digital creators, we are learning how to produce and edit our own audio recordings, exploring how sound can be used to inform, entertain or tell a story. We will combine voice, music and effects to create a short audio piece with clear structure and purpose.</i>
RE	<i>As thinkers, we are exploring the Christian belief: 'When Jesus left, what was the impact of Pentecost?', learning about the Holy Spirit and why Pentecost is important to Christians today. We will make links between Bible stories and what these beliefs mean for Christians now.</i>
RSHE	<i>As responsible and reflective learners, we are developing our understanding of feelings and wellbeing, thinking about what makes us feel happy or unhappy. We will explore strategies to manage emotions, build resilience and look after our own mental health.</i>
French	<i>As linguists, we are learning classroom commands, the calendar, and vocabulary linked to Bonfire Night and Christmas shopping. We will use our developing French skills to join in songs, games and simple conversations.</i>
PE	<i>As athletes, we are developing control, coordination and expression through dance, learning to perform sequences in time with music. We are also improving stamina and strength through fitness activities.</i>
Enrichment	<i>As Castle Citizens, we are taking part in Remembrance, our Carol Concert, and Christmas Traditions Week, celebrating our community and the importance of reflection, performance and togetherness.</i>



Optional Homework Project: Families are invited to create a poster showing how Christmas is celebrated in France. Children may draw, label or write a few facts about traditions such as Père Noël, Christmas markets, festive foods or shoes by the fireplace. This is a fun, optional activity to help children explore French culture as part of our MFL curriculum and Christmas Traditions Week.