



*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.*

<b>English</b>	<i>As readers and writers, we are exploring the stories <b>Jim and the Beanstalk</b> and <b>The Polar Express</b>, using them to develop our descriptive writing and understanding of character and setting. We will practise planning and sequencing ideas to create clear and detailed pieces of writing inspired by the texts.</i>
<b>Maths</b>	<i>As mathematicians, Year 2 children are building accuracy in measuring length and developing confidence with multiplication and division facts. Year 3 children are learning to measure length and perimeter and extend their multiplication and division skills to solve more complex problems and calculations.</i>
<b>Science</b>	<i>As scientists, we are learning about cycles in nature, exploring how plants, animals and the environment change over time. We will look closely at seasonal patterns and life cycles, understanding how living things grow, develop and depend on their habitats.</i>
<b>History</b>	<i>As historians, we are investigating Ancient Egypt, discovering how people lived, worked and worshipped thousands of years ago. We will explore pharaohs, pyramids, mummification and the achievements that make this civilisation so fascinating and influential.</i>
<b>Geography</b>	<i>As geographers, we are studying settlements, learning why people choose to live in certain places and how towns and villages grow. We will explore human and physical features and compare different types of settlements around the world.</i>
<b>Art</b>	<i>As artists, we are exploring still life and form, learning how to observe objects carefully and represent shape, shadow and texture. We will experiment with different drawing and painting techniques to create detailed and realistic still-life compositions.</i>
<b>Design &amp; Technology</b>	<i>As designers, we are learning to sew our own keyrings, developing basic stitching techniques and practising accuracy and care. We will design, sew and decorate our keyrings, thinking about purpose, pattern and durability.</i>
<b>Music</b>	<i>As musicians, we are beginning Glockenspiel Stage 1, learning to play simple melodies using correct technique. We will explore rhythm, pitch and notation as we build confidence performing short musical pieces.</i>
<b>Computing</b>	<i>As digital creators, we are learning how to make stop-frame animations, planning storyboards and capturing frames to bring objects to life. We will use software to combine our images into short animated sequences.</i>
<b>RE</b>	<i>As thinkers, we are exploring the Christian belief of the Trinity — Father, Son and Holy Spirit — and why it is important for Christians. We will also learn about how Christians celebrate Christmas as part of our Christmas progression unit.</i>
<b>RSHE</b>	<i>As responsible and reflective learners, we are exploring feelings and mental health, learning how to recognise different emotions and understand what affects our wellbeing. We will practise simple strategies to help us manage our feelings in healthy and positive ways.</i>
<b>French</b>	<i>As linguists, we are learning colours, classroom commands and vocabulary linked to the calendar and celebrations. We will practise listening and speaking in short French phrases to build confidence in everyday classroom language.</i>
<b>PE</b>	<i>As athletes, we are developing our creativity and coordination through dance, and improving stamina and strength through fitness activities,</i>
<b>Enrichment</b>	<i>As Castle Citizens, we are taking part in important traditions including Remembrance, our Christmas Concert, and Christmas Traditions Week.</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.