



CASTLE ACADEMY

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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 Robot Girl and The Polar Express, using them to develop empathy, imagination and deeper comprehension. We will be writing for different purposes, using rich vocabulary and varied sentence structures to bring our ideas to life.</i>
Maths	<i>As mathematicians, we are strengthening our skills in multiplication and division, using efficient methods to solve a range of problems. We are also learning about perimeter and area, measuring and calculating the space around and inside different shapes.</i>
Science	<i>As scientists, we are learning about materials, investigating their properties and how they can change. We will carry out comparative tests and learn to use scientific language to explain why materials are chosen for particular purposes.</i>
History	<i>As historians, we are exploring the Early British Empire, discovering how trade, exploration and power shaped Britain's influence across the world. We will consider both the achievements and the challenges of this period, thinking carefully about different perspectives.</i>
Geography	<i>As geographers, we are learning about mountains, exploring how they are formed and where they can be found around the world. We will study the physical features of mountain ranges and how humans adapt to living in these environments.</i>
Art	<i>As artists, we are studying Islamic art and architecture, learning how pattern, geometry and symmetry are used to create intricate designs. We will experiment with repeating motifs and shapes to produce our own Islamic-inspired artwork.</i>
Design & Technology	<i>As designers, we are learning how to design and prepare healthy food, exploring nutrition and what makes a balanced meal. We will safely handle ingredients, follow recipes and evaluate the appearance, taste and healthiness of the dishes we create.</i>
Music	<i>As musicians, we are learning Classroom Jazz 1, exploring improvisation and rhythm using tuned percussion and brass-style patterns. We will rehearse and perform jazz pieces with growing confidence and control.</i>
Computing	<i>As digital creators, we are developing our skills in video production, learning how lighting, framing and sound contribute to quality filming. We will edit our clips using software to create a finished video project we can proudly share.</i>
RE	<i>As thinkers, we are exploring the question: 'What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today?' We will learn about the beliefs, values and practices of Islam and consider how faith shapes the daily lives of British Muslims.</i>
RSHE	<i>As responsible learners, we are developing our understanding of mental health and wellbeing, exploring questions such as "Does everyone have the same feelings?" and "Should we be happy all the time?" We will learn strategies to manage emotions, understand identity and support ourselves and others.</i>
French	<i>As linguists, we are learning vocabulary linked to the city, shopping, and festive jumpers. We will practise speaking and listening in short conversations, using new words with growing confidence.</i>
PE	<i>As athletes, we are developing strength, control and creativity through dance, learning to perform sequences fluently and expressively. We are also working on stamina and technique through swimming, building confidence in and around the water.</i>
Enrichment	<i>As Castle Citizens, we are taking part in Remembrance, our Carol Concert, Young Voices preparations 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.