



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	As readers and writers, we are exploring The Arrival and The Polar Express, using both texts to deepen our understanding of atmosphere, character and powerful descriptive language. We will develop our ability to create mood, use rich vocabulary as we write for a range of purposes inspired by these stories.
Maths	As mathematicians, we are developing confidence with calculation problems, using efficient written and mental strategies to solve multi-step tasks. We are also studying fractions, learning to simplify, compare, add, subtract and apply fractions in different contexts.
Science	As scientists, we are learning about the classification of living things, exploring how organisms are grouped based on similarities and differences. We will use classification keys and scientific vocabulary to identify and compare living things in detail.
History	As historians, we are studying The Suffragettes, learning about their fight for equal rights and the impact their actions had on modern Britain. We will examine key events, significant individuals and how democracy has changed over time.
Geography	As geographers, we are investigating British geographical issues, with a focus on localised flooding. We will explore physical processes, human impact and how communities work together to respond to environmental challenges.
Art	As artists, we are learning about Renaissance architecture and sculpture, exploring how artists created balance, beauty and perspective in their work. We will study famous examples and create pieces inspired by Renaissance techniques.
Design & Technology	As designers, we are taking part in Food: Come Dine With Me, planning, preparing and presenting our own dishes. We will learn about flavour combinations, nutrition and safe food preparation before evaluating our final creations.
Music	As musicians, we are learning Classroom Jazz 2, building on prior knowledge to improvise and perform more complex jazz patterns. We will develop confidence in rhythm, notation and ensemble performance.
Computing	As digital creators, we are learning how to design and build a webpage, focusing on layout, navigation and clear communication. We will combine text, images and simple design features to create a functional and appealing webpage.
RE	As thinkers, we are exploring the question: 'Why do Christians believe that Jesus was the Messiah?' We will examine Old Testament prophecies, Christian beliefs about Jesus, and what incarnation means to Christians at Christmas.
RSHE	As responsible citizens, we are learning about keeping friendships healthy, discussing what kindness, respect and acceptance look like in real life. We will explore stereotypes, how to challenge unkind behaviour, and how to support friends for who they truly are.
French	As linguists, we are learning vocabulary linked to homes and houses, Elf on the Shelf, and simple phrases linked to Christmas. We will practise spoken French in fun, seasonal contexts to build confidence and accuracy.
PE	As athletes, we are developing creativity and expression through dance, learning to perform movements fluently and in time with music. We are also improving stamina and strength through fitness activities.
Enrichment	As Castle Citizens, we are taking part in Remembrance, the Carol Concert and Christmas Traditions Week.



<u>Optional Homework Project:</u> 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.