



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 enjoying the stories <i>Wolves</i> and <i>The Polar Express</i> , using them to inspire our imagination and help us understand characters and feelings. We are practising using descriptive language, sequencing events, and writing sentences that show our ideas clearly.
Maths	As mathematicians, Year 1 children are learning about numbers to 20, comparing addition and subtraction within 20, and exploring length and mass. Year 2 children are developing confidence with multiplication and division and learning to measure length using standard units.
Science	As scientists, we are learning about animals and their needs, exploring how different animals survive and stay healthy. We are also learning to classify animals by their features, sorting them into groups such as mammals, reptiles, birds and amphibians, and explaining what makes each group unique.
History	As historians, we are discovering what life was like in Roman Britain. We will find out about Roman soldiers, buildings, and how the Romans changed life for the people who lived here.
Geography	As geographers, we are developing our sense of place by looking at maps and understanding simple symbols. We are learning how maps help us explore our local area and the wider world.
Art	As artists, we are exploring the work of Henri Matisse, looking closely at how he used bold colours and organic shapes in his famous cut-outs. Inspired by his style, we will experiment with shape, colour and layering to create our own striking compositions.
Design & Technology	As designers, we are learning cooking skills by making festive gingerbread. We will measure, mix and bake safely while thinking about taste, texture and presentation.
Music	As musicians, we are learning the lively rap <i>Ho Ho Ho</i> and developing key musical skills such as rhythm, pulse, improvisation, and performance. Pupils will sing and play together as a group, showcasing their learning as part of our festive Christmas celebrations.
Computing	As computer users, we are learning how to take and improve digital photographs. We will explore how different angles, lighting and editing tools can help us produce high-quality images.
RE	As thinkers, we are exploring what Christians believe is the good news Jesus brings, and how this influences kindness and generosity. We will also learn about the Christmas story and how Christians celebrate Jesus' birth.
RSHE	As responsible citizens, we are learning how to stop bullying and how to be a supportive friend during Anti-Bullying Week. We are also exploring our feelings, thinking about who we are, and discovering what helps us feel happy and calm.
French	As linguists, we are revisiting numbers 0–10 and practising simple greetings in French. We are enjoying using new words through songs and games.
PE	As athletes, we are developing our movement and expression through dance, and improving stamina and strength through fitness activities.

Enrichment

As Castle Citizens, we are taking part in important community traditions through Remembrance, our KS1 Nativity, and Christmas Traditions Week. Children will explore why remembrance matters and celebrate the joy of performing and sharing with families.



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.