



CASTLE ACADEMY
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The strongest place in the castle where everything begins.

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.

Themes: My Community:		How Can You Help at Home?
<p>This half term, children will be learning all about their community – the people who are important to them, those who help us every day, and how we can all play a part in looking after the world around us. Through stories, role play, visitors, outdoor learning and creative activities, children will explore their own strengths and talents, learn about different jobs in the community, and begin to understand how communities work together.</p>		
Week 1- My Community & My Talents	<i>Children will talk about what makes them special and the people who are important to them. They will share talents and interests through show and tell and a talent show.</i>	Talk together about what your child is good at or enjoys doing. Encourage them to explain <i>why</i> they like it.
Week 2- People Who Help Us – Community Helpers	<i>We will learn about everyday community helpers such as postal workers, refuse collectors and crossing patrols, including how they help us and how we can help others.</i> <i>Road Safety Visitors.</i>	Let your child help with a small job at home (sorting recycling, tidying toys) and talk about why helping is important.
Week 3- Emergency Services	<i>Children will learn about emergency services such as firefighters, police officers, doctors and paramedics, focusing on safety and what to do in an emergency.</i>	Practise talking about who helps us in an emergency and when it is appropriate to call 999.
Week 4- Fire Safety & Firefighters	<i>We will focus on fire safety, learning how firefighters help us and how we can keep ourselves safe.</i>	Talk about fire safety rules at home and practise a simple fire safety message like <i>Stop, Drop and Roll</i> .
Week 5- Doctors, Nurses & Paramedics	<i>Children will learn how doctors, nurses and paramedics help us stay healthy, including basic first aid and caring for others.</i>	Use role play with toys to act out caring for someone who is hurt or unwell and talk about how we help others feel better.
Week 6- Chinese New Year	<i>Children will explore Chinese New Year traditions, food, music, stories and celebrations, making links to other celebrations they have learned about.</i>	Watch a short video or read a simple book about Chinese New Year and talk about how people celebrate in different ways.

Ongoing Learning Across the Half term:

Literacy and Phonics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listening to and talking about stories • Learning new vocabulary • Practising blending sounds to read words • Mark-making and early writing for different purposes (labels, lists, signs)
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Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Counting and recognising numbers within 10 Exploring one more and one less Addition and subtraction using practical resources Grouping, sharing and early problem-solving
Communication & Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speaking in full sentences Asking and answering questions Listening carefully during stories, discussions and visits
Physical Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing fine motor skills through cutting, writing and junk modelling Gross motor skills through gymnastics lessons with our Sports Coaches.
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building confidence and independence Understanding emotions and empathy Learning how to work together and take responsibility
Understanding the World	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learning about their local community and the people who help us Exploring different jobs and how they support our everyday lives Learning about recycling and caring for our environment Exploring China during Chinese New Year using maps and globes Talking about similarities and differences between places and celebrations
Expressive Arts & Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Painting, drawing and junk modelling inspired by community workers and vehicles Making lanterns and artwork linked to Chinese New Year Exploring colour, texture and materials through hands-on art activities



Optional Homework Project:

Castle Citizens at Home- Children are encouraged to help with simple tasks at home, such as tidying, setting the table, or caring for plants or pets. This helps them practise responsibility and kindness and understand how their actions make a positive difference at home and in the wider community.