

The Ancient House Building Workshop

Summary:

This workshop is called 'The Ancient House Building Workshop'. Pupils will learn how to make an ancient type of wall called cob (a mixture of straw and clay, sand and water) that you mix, then kneed. Then once they have turned the cob into the walls of a model house, pupils will learn the basics of thatching. By the end of the workshop, we will have produced a mini village of thatched cob houses.

Age Group: The project can be adapted to suit the class.

Requirements: In order to run the project you just need a workspace, and an area for displaying the model village afterwards (this could just be a spare table).

Timescale: This workshop can be run at any time of year.

Why should you choose this workshop?

Because it is an amazing opportunity to learn about Traditional house building techniques of cob and thatching. Which have existed for more than a 1000 years in the UK, and is also an ancient tradition worldwide. It also has relevance in our modern times, as a sustainable house building method, with a very low carbon footprint.

Curriculum links:

| Early | First | Second |
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| I have explored how people lived in the past and have used imaginative Play to show how their lives were different from my own and the people around me. SOC 004a | By exploring places, investigating artefacts and locating them in time, I have developed an awareness of the ways in which we remember and preserve Scotland's history. SOC 102a | I can interpret historical evidence from a range of periods to help to build a picture of Scotland's heritage and my sense of chronology. SOC 202a |
| | I can compare aspects of people's daily lives in the past with my own by using historical evidence or the experience of recreating an historical setting. SOC 104a | I can compare and contrast a society in the past with my own and contribute to a discussion of the similarities and differences. SOC 204a |
| | | I can discuss the environmental impact of human activity and suggest ways in which we can live in a more environmentally responsible way. SOC 208a |
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SOC= Social Studies curriculum.
SCN = Science curriculum.