



Building Detectives Activity Information for Teachers: Suitable for Key Stage 2

An investigative activity providing children with the opportunity to learn how to look for clues on the construction of a timber-framed building. Using worksheets that combine literacy and observational drawing pupils can learn about carpenters' marks, wooden pegs, wattle and daube and the hidden secrets of the building.

Duration: 45 minutes approx.

Knowledge, Skills & Understanding

This activity covers:

- Chronological understanding
- Knowledge and understanding of events, people and changes in the past
- Historical interpretation
- History enquiry
- Organisation and communication

Curriculum Links

This activity links directly to the following National Curriculum units:

- KS1 History Unit 2 – **What were homes like a long time ago?**

Activity Links

These activities **compliment our other Tudor** activities. As such it could be booked alongside:

- **Tudor Candles and Quills**
- **Tudor Clothes**
- **Tudor Music & Dance**

Learning Outcomes

Children will be able to:

- Add new words to their vocabulary and reinforce prior learning and experience
- Explore a genuine building from Medieval and Tudor era to reinforce their prior learning.

Thinking Skills

The following thinking skills are also covered:

- **Information Processing:** Comparing/contrasting information; Identifying and analysing relationships.
- **Reasoning:** Giving reasons for opinions/actions; Inferring; Making deductions; Using precise language to reason.
- **Enquiry:** Asking questions; Drawing conclusions.
- **Creativity:** Applying imagination.

Cost = from £4.50 per pupil depending on the number of workshops booked.

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