

ART AND DESIGN Key Stage 1

QCA Unit 2c – Year 1 / 2

Can buildings speak?

In this unit children explore shape and pattern in buildings. They look at and record the use of shape, space and pattern in two local public buildings. They will be encouraged to think about how these features tell us something about the purpose of the building.

During their visit to Chesterfield the children will study and compare two public buildings, the Town Hall and a place of worship, Holy Trinity Church on Newbold Road. They will find out what happens in each building and why the building looks the way it does. They will also record the patterns they find on windows, furniture, tiles and ceilings. These sketches can then be used back in school to create a mural that will communicate their impressions of each building.

The Town Hall was built in 1938 to a classical design. The Town Hall does, in fact, look like a Greek temple. The interior detailing also reflects classical architecture. Greece was the birthplace of democracy, so many Town halls are built in this style to reflect the democratic activities that go on inside. The patterns tend to be geometrical.

Holy Trinity Church was built around 1843 in the Gothic style [pointed arches], that was developed in the mediaeval period. The Victorians looked back to the mediaeval church as a time of true Christianity and so copied the Gothic style in many of their churches. The patterns tend to be more organic and flowing.

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PROGRAMME

- 9.30 Welcome and introduction
- Can buildings speak?**
Classroom activity to show that a buildings can 'speak' to us about what goes on inside them
- 10.30 Break in the classroom – please bring a drink and a snack. Play time activities will be provided.
- 10.50 **Key Questions**
What is the Town Hall like?
What happens in the Town Hall?
Fieldwork visit to the Town Hall
Activity
Looking at and recording shapes, pattern and decoration.
Finding out about what the building is used for.
- 12.00 Lunch – please bring your own packed lunch to eat in the classroom
- 12.40 **Key Questions**
What is a place of worship like?
What happens in a place of worship?
Fieldwork visit to Holy Trinity Church
Activity
Looking at and recording pattern, shape and decoration.
Find out about what the building is used for?
- 2.30 Leave