

# Explore Turton Tower: Information for teachers

## About this learning resource

This is a set of activity cards that aims to help your class explore Turton Tower outside and in. The activities support history, geography and art and design at Key Stage 2, but may be adapted for younger or older pupils.

There are six activity cards, each designed to be used in groups of around five pupils. The cards can be completed in any order. Each activity card in the set has a different focus:

Card title	Focus
<i>Where are we?</i>	Location and environment.
<i>What is this place made of?</i>	Stone and wood as building materials.
<i>What is this place for?</i>	Turton tower as a home.
<i>How has this building changed?</i>	Changes to the exterior by owners through history.
<i>What can buildings tell us?</i>	Pattern and decoration.
<i>Who was here?</i>	The 19 <sup>th</sup> century owners and their servants.

## What to bring with you

- The activity cards, printed double sided – at least 1 set for the class (1 set of cards per group is best).
- Pencils or pens – at least 1 per child
- Exercise books/sketchbooks/3 sheets of plain paper + clipboard – 1 per child
- Camera(s) if possible
- Lots of adult helpers!

## How to use the activity cards

- The activities are designed to be self-led and can be done without any facilitation by Turton Tower staff. If you need help, do ask a member of staff who will assist as much as they can.
- Teachers may wish use all of the cards, or select a few. You are welcome to adapt activities to suit your class.

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- We suggest that, after a safety briefing, the class is broken into six groups. Each group is given a set of cards, each set starting with a different card. Groups should be allocated an amount of time to spend on each activity card, after which they should move on to the next activity card. The class should regroup at a time and location decided by the teacher, to share their discoveries.
- Ideally, each group should have an adult helper who will supervise the group and read out the instructions on the cards. However if teacher feel their pupils can behave safely and responsibly, groups without an adult leader could use the activity cards independently.

## **Safety**

The class teacher is responsible for pupils' behaviour and safety at all times, and should conduct a risk assessment before bringing the class to visit. Please note:

- Some activities take place outdoors. Pupils should have appropriate footwear and must take extra care near the carpark.
- Some activities are indoors. Pupils must walk, not run, and take care not to bump into furniture.
- Groups should stay together.
- Pupils must be mindful of other groups and members of the public.

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<http://www.wonderful-things.org.uk>