

# **KS3 FIELD TRIP ARTHUR COTTAGE**



**At  
Dreen, Cullybackey,  
Ballymena  
Co. Antrim**

**TEACHER'S NOTES**

# Key Stage 3 curriculum Relevance

This field trip to the Arthur Cottage links to the unit 'In the White House' from the "Key into Ulster" materials for Key Stage 3. There are some preliminary activities which the pupils should complete before they go; some worksheets and activities for the field trip and then some extension activities.

These materials can be used to support aspects of the teaching of KS3 :-

**Citizenship:** providing opportunity to reflect on diversity and identity

**History:** providing opportunity to develop the enquiry skills to undertake historical investigations; to explore how history has affected their personal identity, culture and lifestyle; to investigate events in the past and their impact on life and work in the present

**English:** providing opportunity through engagement with a range and variety of stimuli to read for key ideas; to express feelings; to write for different purposes

**Art:** providing opportunity to develop their own personal and creative responses by researching, gathering and interpreting information from direct experiences, observations and imagination; to explore the diversity of cultures

There are also opportunities to practise **Personal and Inter Personal Skills; Communication** and aspects of **Critical and Creative Thinking Skills** especially, **creativity and managing information**.

# Suggested Lesson Sequence

## PRELIMINARY

To get the best use out of the visit, before going the pupils should carry out research to complete their Arthur Cottage Passport. Pupils will need access to the internet and 1-2 periods to carry out the research.

## DURING THE VISIT

There are a number of worksheets available. These offer a range of activities and suit different levels of ability. It is not envisaged that all pupils will complete all sheets

- Did You Know? - a fun facts sheet with some quirky facts to raise the pupils' interest
- Before you go in - a drawing task followed by observation questions about the outside of the building
- 2 simple tasks about the County Antrim Cart—one colouring in and one labelling
- Cart Horse Harness labelling exercise
- Choice of 3 extension activities , two of which require extended writing skills
- Inside the Cottage—observation and research questions
- Encyclopaedia task require note-taking and selection of relevant material
- Arthur Cottage artefacts—labelling
- The Arthur Family Tree—fill in the blanks
- Arthur Cottage poem—reading for pleasure with extension activity to write own poem
- Life Then and Now—Researching life in the past and comparing with their personal experiences
- Feeling Artistic? - a chance to draw/sketch in response to their visit