

YEAR 1



# City Learning Trust

Inspiring Outstanding Achievement

## Year Book 2023

Character & Arts Foundation



# AIMS

**The Character & Arts Foundation is a completely unique organisation imagined and brought to life by the City Learning Trust.**

Funded independently and exclusively via donation, its aim is to deliver a world class programme of activities for children and young people across Stoke-on-Trent and the neighbouring regions.





Learning from our past;  
shaping our future

# IMPACT SO FAR



Schools

30



Opportunities

3,000



Students

8,000



Learning Hours

7,000



Organisations

12

## ALL FULLY FUNDED

- Electric car making: working with world-class engineers of London Imperial College and a world-renowned climate change expert
- Once-in-a-lifetime experience visiting New York to deliver a speech at the UN about sustainability and climate change
- Enhanced careers advice and guidance at Staffordshire University
- Exploring Entrepreneurial talent using the latest AI software
- Experiencing live performances and exclusive opportunities to meet the cast and director at Staffordshire University
- Writing and composing an original song with industry professionals from Claybody Theatre
- An immersive musical experience through the world-renowned Hallé orchestra
- Working with industry professionals in the Performing Arts sector
- Bespoke KS3 Enterprise Curriculum linked to leading businesses locally and nationally
- KS2 and KS4 Enterprise Challenges delivered exclusively through the foundation
- Industry-led Circus and Dance workshops connecting talent across secondary schools
- Musical Pathways Programme delivered uniquely through our partners at the Hallé orchestra

Helping children understand the wider world and careers

Building character through experiences

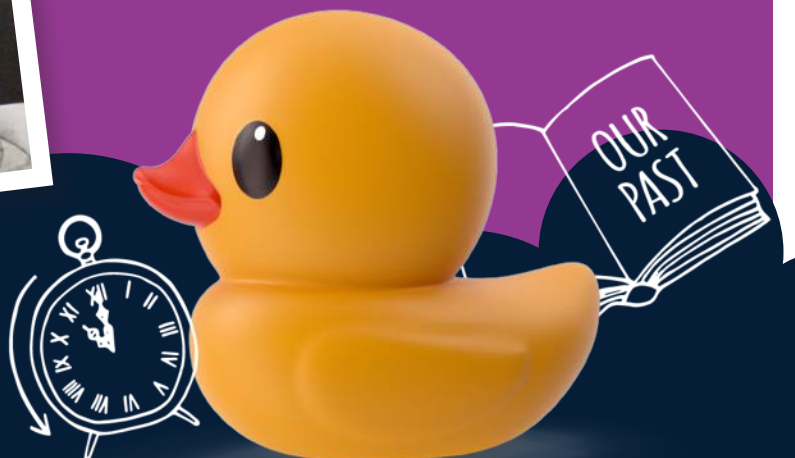
Developing knowledge and skills



# HISTORY

**History digs into our past, discovering aspects of our hometown that have shaped who we are as a community today.**

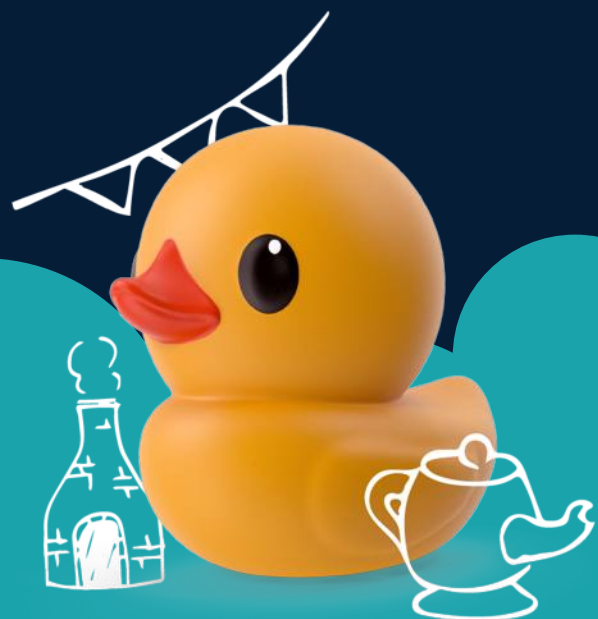
Through a journey of exploration, young people experience the successes and struggles of those who came before, designed to foster a sense of empathy and understanding of people's actions. The History strand offers learning opportunities and cultural experiences that link back to this collective identity as well as supporting learners in understanding the impact of the past on the future.



# HERITAGE

Inspired by Nick Degg's poem 'I Come From A Town' in which he proclaims that people of Stoke are full of 'resilience, creativity and brilliance', the Heritage strand celebrates each of these concepts of what makes us unique both as a city and as a community.

By exploring Stoke-on-Trent's pottery heritage, learners will develop an understanding of what Stoke-on-Trent has to be proud of.

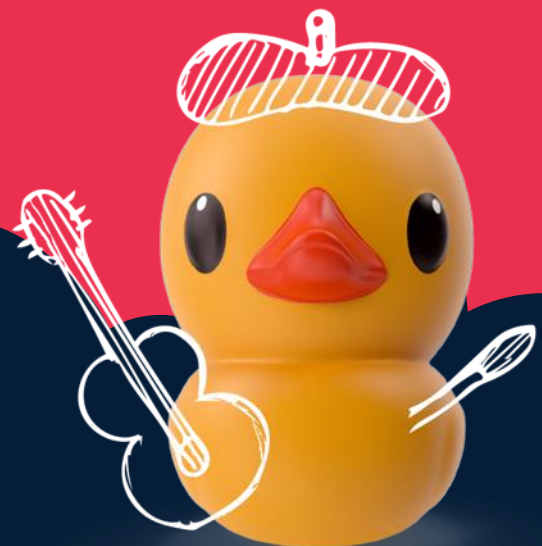


# PERFORMING & EXPRESSIVE ARTS

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**Performing & Expressive Arts is young people experiencing, understanding, feeling, creating and performing music, dance, drama and art.**

Through bespoke frameworks, learners engage in a range of opportunities to develop both confidence and skills. This unique offer takes children on a transformative journey through the power and magic of the arts.



# SUSTAINABILITY

**The Sustainability strand offers an insight into how to build a sustainable future through education and an opportunity to see first-hand the impact a different approach can make.**

This is an immersive strand that takes learners on a journey designed to understand the power of their collective choices. This strand promotes the ethos that young people can be the change they wish to see in the world now and into the future, by engaging in the highest levels of political influence and experiential practice in how to live in a sustainable way. On a local, national and international platform, children can showcase their ideas and connect with others to create a better tomorrow.





# ENTERPRISE

**The Enterprise strand provides a bespoke route for all children aged 3-19 towards the Entrepreneurial Masters, funded by Peter Coates, at Staffordshire University.**

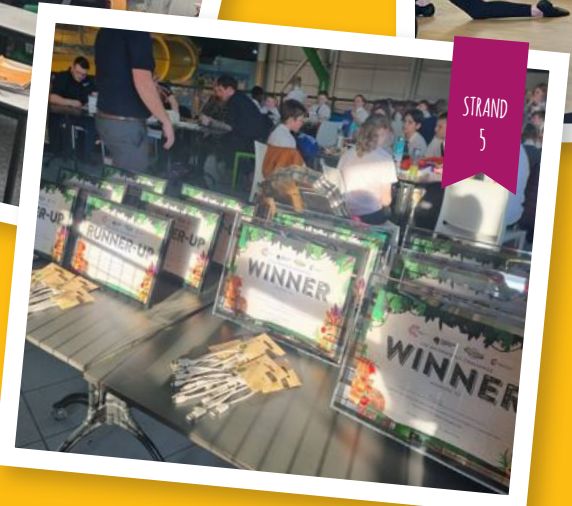
In this unique curriculum, which identifies and nurtures Entrepreneurial talent, learners develop life skills through a Key Stage 2 and 3 programme of problem-solving, resilience and creative thinking. Learners are immersed in real-life challenges which are supported by experts from local and national businesses, giving them an insight into a range of different career paths, too.



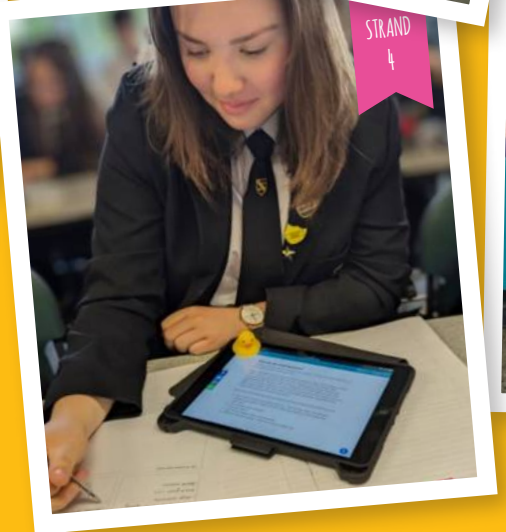
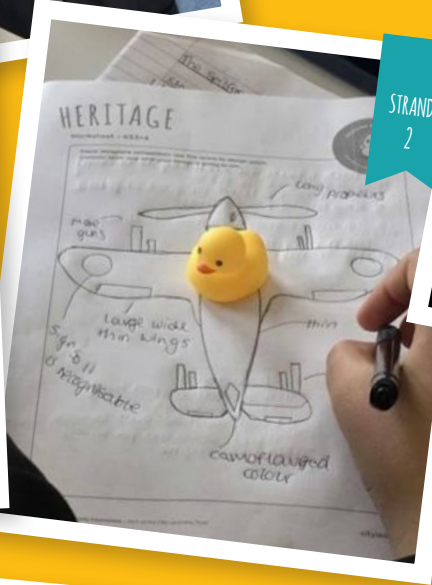
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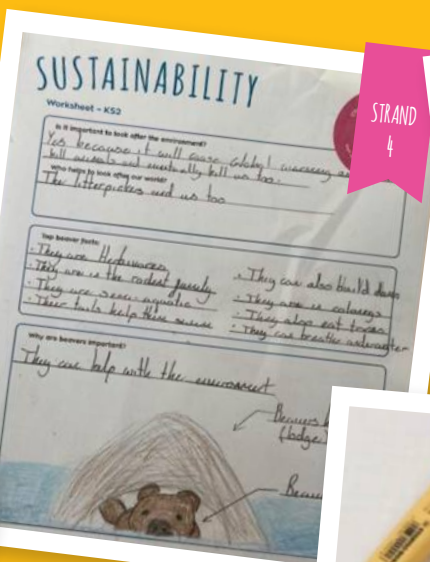












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Jan '24

**History**

'Lidice Shall Live' curriculum learning

**Performing & Expressive Arts**

Musical Pathways Programme commences

**Sustainability**

'Protecting our planet for the future' curriculum learning. Launch competition for the trip to Iceland

**Enterprise**

Term 2a curriculum and KS2 Challenge. Tej Samani AI Entrepreneurial Test launched

Dec '23

**Enterprise**

KS2 Waterworld Challenge Finals

**Competition**

Festive card winner announced

April '24

**Sustainability**

Trip to Iceland

**Heritage**

'A City of Firsts' curriculum learning

**History & Performing & Expressive Arts**

Launch 'Stand Up' performing arts event

March '24

**History**

Winners of the Lidice competition announced

**Enterprise**

Term 2b curriculum

Feb '24

**History**

International Children's Exhibition of Fine Arts

**Sustainability**

Competition finals, winners of the international trip to Iceland announced

**Enterprise**

Enterprise Academy launched

June '25

**History**

Lidice exchange visit





# NEXT STEPS

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## HISTORY

### Lidice Shall Live

Our young people will learn about our relationship with the people in Lidice and the historical events that led to the 'Lidice Shall Live' movement.

This project is designed to highlight the importance of uniting as a community and taking a stand to help others.



## HERITAGE

### Clay

Our young people will immerse themselves into a clay experience to celebrate Stoke-on-Trent's unique heritage and what makes them proud.

Their creation will then form our 'Legacy Art Installation' which will stand in our community for decades to come!



## PERFORMING & EXPRESSIVE ARTS

### Performing Arts Pathways

Throughout the year young people will experience, understand, feel, create and perform music, dance, drama and art. Regardless of their age or stage, the programme is accessible for all children and aims to enhance their skills in the arts.



## SUSTAINABILITY

### Youth Ambassadors for Climate Change

Our young people will take centre stage in the sustainability spotlight, as they use their voice to inspire others and champion initiatives that contribute to a healthier planet for our future.

Learners will have the opportunity to engage in projects on a local, national and international scale. Our competition winners in this strand will be going to Iceland!



# KEY PARTNERS AND RELATIONSHIPS



HALLÉ



Claybody  
— THEATRE —



STOKE  
CREATES...

Partners In Creative Learning  
Stoke On Trent & North Staffordshire Cultural Education Partnership



ALL ARE COMMITTED TO GIVE THEIR TIME AND TALENT TO  
SUPPORT THE CHARACTER & ARTS FOUNDATION.



**Coming soon...**

