

Second Class – Magical Irish Landscape Activities

Oral Language Activities

- Sequence the pictures in whatever way you like
- Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of living in the countryside
- Talk about and reflect upon the way Ireland may have looked long ago and how it looks now
- Discuss what life was like in Ireland before cars were invented
- Talk about and reflect on the benefits and disadvantages of modern day transport
- Identify one thing in the Magical Irish Landscape which you would like to preserve for future generations eg clean rivers, healthy animals

Reading Activities:

- Read a story aloud about a well-known Irish person
- Compose some questions that might help you to learn more about that person
- Find out important information about the person you have chosen to learn about (ask adults, use books and/or your computer)
- Imagine what it would have been like to be that person . . . how would you feel if . . . ?
- What do you think that person did to contribute to preserving the Magical Irish Landscape? Do you think this was important?

Make and Do

- Make a poster promoting the preservation of something you see in the Magical Irish landscape
- Create a slogan for your poster
- Create Quiz questions based on the Magical Irish Landscape eg What is the English word for 'Maidrin Rua'?; Who is the Patron Saint of Ireland? Is a fox a reptile or a mammal?
- Make an Acrostic poem using the word Magical or Landscape to describe the many things you enjoy about living in Ireland

Writing Activities:

- Imagine you live in a Norman style tower house. Write a short piece describing what life was like inside the castle walls
- Imagine you live beside a river. Write a letter to your friend describing the fun you had the day you learnt to swim
- Write an explanation for why the Rock of Cashel is a historic site
- Imagine you were standing at the Rock of Cashel on a sunny day. Draw and write about what you think you might see, hear, taste, touch and smell

Book Review

- Look at the Norman style tower house in the Magical Irish Landscape. Who do you think built it? When was it built?
- Use these words to help you to find out more about this kind of building eg medieval, historic, monument, Middle Ages, landowners, Anglo-Irish, Gaelic, free-standing, construction, location
- If you have read the story of "Strongbow" or can find it on the computer, go find it . . .

Math Activities

- Number: Count the stones in the wall in groups of twos, threes, fours and fives

- Number: Imagine you are a farmer with a lot of work to do. Write an account of the jobs you completed using the language of ordinal numbers 1-10, eg On the third day I fixed the fence; On the fourth day I counted my cattle
- Time: What month of the year do you think is depicted in the Magical Irish Landscape
- Shape: Hunt for 2-D shapes in the landscape including square, rectangle, triangle, circle, semi-circle and oval
- Shape: Hunt for 3 -D Shapes in the landscape including cube, cuboid, cylinder, sphere and cone
- Shape: Consider why particular shapes are used – eg why are the wheels of the cart round?
- Area: Estimate and measure area using non-standard units eg magical landscape cards – how many cards cover the book, the table, the bottom stair
- Data: Sort and classify items in the Magical Irish Landscape by two and three attributes eg living/non-living, materials, function

Nature Walk

- Identify materials in your environment an animal could use to build a shelter. Why do you think an animal might choose those materials?

Music

- An Maidrin Rua (Music – John Spillane); (Lyrics - Twinkl);