

What's the Story?



Topic Focus

Local history, historical enquiry, literacy and handling data

Overview

The activities in this topic enable children to explore a burial ground as a link to the past. Children will investigate headstones, monuments and memorials. They will reveal the stories of people buried there and understand more about who lived before them in their community and how they lived. The headstones commemorate lives lived and pupils will use them as a primary source of historical evidence as well as a source of information for data collection.

The activities are: Data Detective, Written in Stone, A Life Well lived, Local Legends.

EYFS, KS1 & KS2

Key Skills

Investigating
Empathising
Detecting
Observing
Deducing

Key Words

Evidence

Curriculum Links

The activities in this topic help develop pupil's knowledge, skills and understanding in History, Literacy, Maths and Computing.

EYFS

Understanding the World
People and communities
Mathematical Development



John Muir Award

Discover
Explore
Conserve
Share



Try the following activities if you are working for any of the following badges:

Rainbows - Look and Learn

Beaver - Explore Activity

Cubs - Local Knowledge Activity

Guides - Culture

Scouts - Heritage Activity, My Faith Activity

Data Detective

The suggested maths activities contain a variety of practical ideas for collecting data at your local burial ground. They offer children a selection of questions to investigate and challenge them to undertake their own enquiry. The practical data handling projects are open ended and are easily differentiated to meet the needs of individual groups so children can collect, organise and interpret the data in a variety of different ways, using all or part of a burial ground.

Learning Outcomes

Children will:

- Follow a line of enquiry and decide what information is important
- Answer questions by collecting, selecting, processing, presenting and interpreting data

Key Questions

What information will you need to collect?

How will you collect it?

What does your data tell you?

Activity Ideas: Possible Questions

Children could choose one of the following questions to investigate or they could invent one of their own.

Did women live longer than men?

In which decade did most deaths occur?

What is the average age of people buried in a given decade?

What is the most popular symbol on the headstones in the burial ground?

What is the most commonly used stone or monument shape?

Plenary

Tell a friend three things you have discovered from the data you have collected.

Back at School

Decide how you are going to present your findings.

- Create a line graph/pie chart/bar chart showing the results.
- What does the data tell you?
- Calculate mean/mode/median/range/percentages and fractions.
- Compare your data with other findings.
- Write mathematical statements using the data.
- Use ICT to enhance the presentation of the data.

Another maths investigation - Find the oldest person buried in the burial ground. Investigate several headstones looking at how many years, months, weeks, days they were alive.

EYFS - Embark on a number find or number match and a shape search.

