

## Our Research Project by Bethan and Lauren

In class we had to make our own project in partners to go with the topic of Cardiff Castle. Our research project is about the Arab Room at Cardiff Castle. We have been investigating about Islamic patterns, Arabic patterns and the Arab Room itself. We chose the Arab Room for our project because we were doing work about it and we were keen to find out more.

First we choose our booklet to put all our research in. Then we had to start producing work in our book. We started the project by doing some research on the Internet about the Arab Room fireplace. We then printed out the photograph of the fireplace and stuck it onto plain paper, then did some writing to go with it. To do this we had to interpret the evidence.

We gathered up some more information from the Internet and from some books. We printed some Arabic Patterns off the Internet, and stuck them onto some coloured card. This helped us to understand how Islamic patterns were created. We could see exactly where this influenced William Burges' designs. We did a piece of writing on Microsoft Word, about Islamic patterns and how they were copied at Cardiff Castle. We wanted to find out exactly which mosques the Marquis and family had visited to see if the Arab room had the same designs. We found out that the Marquis had a ship called the Ladybird. The family travelled on this, we were told they had visited Turkey and Spain. We think this is probably where they saw the designs.

Mrs Elliott said that we could do our own Islamic Patterns. Lauren did a flower-based pattern, and mine was more a star-based pattern. We enjoyed producing our own interpretations of Islamic art.

Once our Project was finished we were very pleased with it and the parents liked it too. We liked doing our project and we hope we do something like it again soon.

