

## Our Research Project by Elizabeth and Olivia.B

Our project was about the Winter Smoking room at Cardiff Castle. We chose this room because we thought it would be a really interesting project and we were right. It is a really enjoyable project to do. We started our investigation by finding information about the fireplace in the Winter Smoking room. Then we gathered all the information and wrote it all down. The Winter Smoking Room was interesting, for example, we learned from Celyn the guide that it was a meeting room for the gentlemen to talk, drink and smoke. To stop women and children listening at the door, William Burges put a carved devil's head above the door to scare them away.

The theme of the room was "Time" and everything in the room had something to do with time. In each of the four corners was a figure holding a Sun. The first sun was the early morning, the second was the noon sun, the third was at sunset and finally the last corner had a crescent moon over the sun to show nightfall.

We also liked the stained glass windows which showed the days of the week. They were represented by Norse gods, we found out this was because our days of the week come from the Norse language, there were only six windows but if you look up to the ceiling there is a huge golden sun, which stands for Sunday.

We had lots of other things to investigate like the furniture and how the days of the week got their names.

Sunday –sun's day

Monday- moon's day

Tuesday-twe's day

Wednesday-wooden day

Thursday-thor's day

Friday-figg's day













Saturday- Saturn's day

The days of the week were named after Norse Gods and giant objects in the sky. These names come to us originally from the Greeks and Romans who named the days of the week after their Gods.

The last piece of work we did was to find out about the signs of the Zodiac. We did this because the ceiling of the Winter Smoking Room had these signs decorating it. William Burges did this to keep the theme of TIME. These are the names of the signs of the Zodiac; Cancer / Capricorn / Pisces / Libra / Virgo/ Gemini/Sagittarius/ Taurus /Leo /Aquarius/Aries/ Scorpio .

We found out we still use these today, you can find your horoscope in many daily newspapers. Elizabeth is a Capricorn, she was born in early January and Olivia is Cancer, because she was born in July. These signs are represented by a goat with a fish tail and a crab.

We were finished and we wish we can do a project like this again.

Aries		♈	Mars	♂
Taurus		♉	Venus	♀
Gemini		♊	Mercury	♿
Cancer		♋	Moon	☾
Leo		♌	Sun	☼
Virgo		♍	Mercury	♿
Libra		♎	Venus	♀
Scorpio		♏	Mars	♂
Sagittarius		♐	Jupiter	♃
Capricorn		♑	Saturn	♄
Aquarius		♒	Saturn	♄
Pisces		♓	Jupiter	♃