

KS1 and Lower KS2 – Geography, environment, citizenship and creativity



This unit will provide the opportunity for younger children to make a practical difference to their own school/ school grounds while providing an opportunity for children to look at some of the changes that architects and designers are proposing for Castleford, Airedale and Ferry Fryston.

Adapt QCA units:

Geography Unit 21: How can we improve the area we can see from our window?

Citizenship Unit 6: Developing our school grounds – KS1 & 2

- making appropriate links to the regeneration activities in Castleford

D & T Unit 1b: Playgrounds – Year 1

Creating empathy, response, concern for our world/ environment

What do we think/ feel about our environment?

What is the view from the window like? How does the view change? BOOK

What are the main features? BOOK

What is the view from our window like?

- This could be a view in a photo (framed by a window – as in Jeannie Bakers book – it's not always possible to get the view we want from the school window.)

Investigate/ enquire/ analyse/ propose solutions

What do we want to find out about the area we can see through our window?

What have we found out from our fieldwork?

Where exactly are the features we can see?

What is the quality of the environment like here? How does this place make us feel?

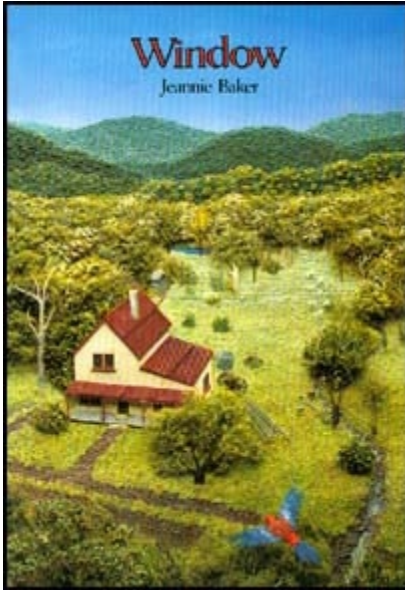
How could we improve the environment?

What are our priorities for improvement?

Design/ implement some solutions – Making changes

What will the view be like in the future?

- In Castleford/ in our school grounds



Window by Jeannie Baker

ISBN 0-7445-9676-9 (Hardback) (UK)

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Through this picture book Jeannie Baker shows us how our world is constantly changing. Use the book as the basis for exploring the view through an imaginary window which looks out onto the changes in Castleford.

How will the view change?



Draw the window at the beginning of the book (Castleford).

Write down some ways that the view changes.

What do you think will happen at the end of the book?