

Welcome to Unit 2

Life in the past

Dear Parent/Care-giver,

Your child is about to start **Unit 2** of their English course book *Learning Lands 5*. The title of the unit is *Life in the past*.

In this unit, your child will learn:

- **Vocabulary:** Life in medieval times and methods of communication
 - *crops, ox/oxen, grain, harvest, cart, plough, hut, straw, trade, knight, merchant, tools*
 - *light a fire, print information, send a messenger, chat to people, message someone, use a smartphone*
- **Grammar:** *Have to* (present and past); *could* and *couldn't*
 - *Farmers had to work very hard.*
 - *They couldn't chat on the phone.*
- **Social and Emotional Learning:** Self-management: Present yourself positively to others
- **Multi-literacy skills:**
 - Visual literacy: Use an infographic to understand information
 - Visual literacy: Understand details in an infographic
- **Speaking:** How to check understanding
- **Writing:** How to write a rhyming poem

The vocabulary and grammar in Unit 2 are introduced in the Amazing Exchange Club monthly project, and the fiction story and poem *The unlikely knight*.

The multi-literacy text for this unit is an infographic about medieval trade routes.

Speaking and writing are also explored in Unit 2 through a video for speaking and a model text for writing alongside tasks that support and build your child's confidence.

Finally, if your child will be taking an external exam in the future, they will practise for this by completing the practice material that accompanies the course.

The *Learning Lands* Pupil's App on Navio provides further reinforcement and review of the Unit 2 content through a range of game-based practice activities. Your child can work independently on these activities at home with or without your support. Their results are saved in a Progress Tracker which is accessible to their teachers. To access these activities, please use the access code which can be found in the front of the Pupil's Book.

I hope that you and your child enjoy this unit and the whole course.

With best wishes,

Class English teacher