

Creative Homework linked to our theme on

What was life like for the Tudors?

Year 4 Spring Term 2



We are beginning our journey to learn about the Tudors and their daily lives. This term's Creative Homework task is to build a model of a Tudor style house! Above are a few images of Tudor houses and on the second sheet is some information from this period in history to help with your building.

As always, creative homework is designed to excite and inspire children to become independent learners. There is no right way to do this task; every child's project will be unique, depending on how they choose to complete it. There are many websites to help with this task. Here are two examples, but there are many more:

<https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/members-area/kids/kids-rule-things-to-make-and-do/build-a-model-tudor-house/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m0sZg2DZKyQ>

To extend the homework task, you could invent a Tudor family who might live in your house. Are they a poor or a rich family? If so, would they have servants? Would the servants also live in the house? Write a description of the members of your family and included their names. (See the Powerpoint attached to the blog, Tudor Rich and Poor. This has a list of popular Tudor names).

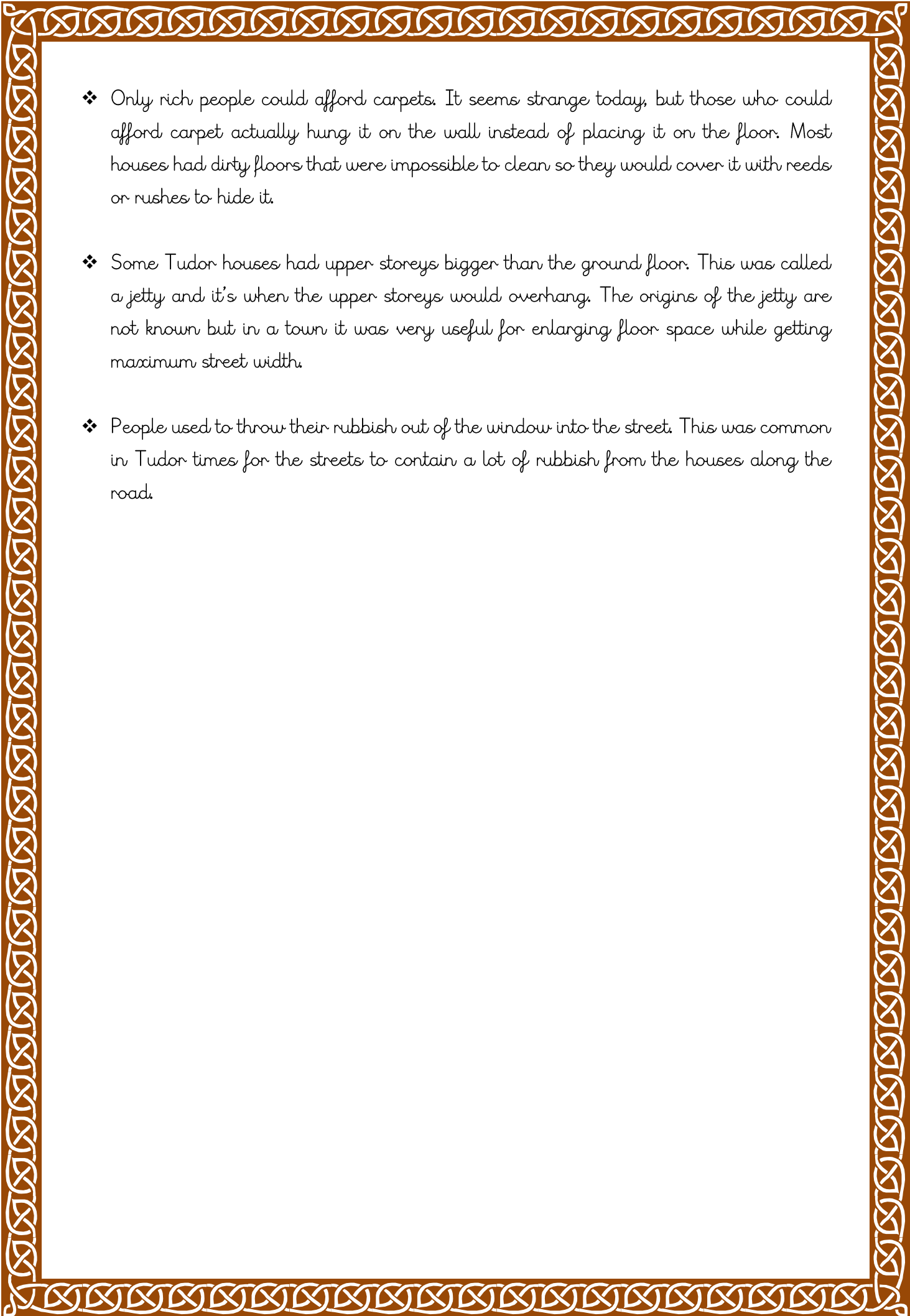
We are hoping to display some of the model houses alongside our Tudor work in the classroom and around school. Please bring your completed house into school by Friday 19th March 2021. I'm looking forward to seeing your creative work!
Thank you!

Mrs Blomeley

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Facts about Tudor Houses

- ❖ The distinctive black and white look on most Tudor houses is because of the exposed wooden frame. Some of the Tudor homes in the UK are still privately owned and lived in; some are small museums that you can take a tour of, and some have been converted into hotels.
- ❖ Most houses had the wooden frame, as well as a tall chimney, steep roof and an enclosed fireplace inside. The walls between the timber frame were made from wattle and daub - wood strips or sticks covered with clay - and the outer walls were most often whitewashed.
- ❖ Many Tudor houses had thatched roofs. However, for those who were rich enough to afford it, a tiled roof was also available which was more weather-proof and durable than a thatched roof.
- ❖ Tudor homes often had some kind of garden as well. For people with less money, a garden would be quite small and was a place where they could grow their own herbs and vegetables. People with more money would have a large garden and this might include more elaborate decoration. Mazes, fountains, or hedges shaped like animals were not uncommon.
- ❖ Most Tudor houses did not have a toilet. A toilet in Tudor times was called a privy and, despite its name, it wasn't as private as it is today. People in Tudor times would go to the toilet anywhere - in the streets, the corner of a room or even a bucket. Some castles and palaces did have toilets, but it was really just a hole in the floor above the moat.
- ❖ When people moved house, they would take their windows with them. Glass was expensive during the late 15th century, and since only a few people could afford to buy it, they would take it with them when they moved.
- ❖ Tudor furniture in the home was big, heavy, uncomfortable and usually made of oak. Instead of chairs, people would sit on wooden benches or stools.

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- ❖ Only rich people could afford carpets. It seems strange today, but those who could afford carpet actually hung it on the wall instead of placing it on the floor. Most houses had dirty floors that were impossible to clean so they would cover it with reeds or rushes to hide it.
 - ❖ Some Tudor houses had upper storeys bigger than the ground floor. This was called a jetty and it's when the upper storeys would overhang. The origins of the jetty are not known but in a town it was very useful for enlarging floor space while getting maximum street width.
 - ❖ People used to throw their rubbish out of the window into the street. This was common in Tudor times for the streets to contain a lot of rubbish from the houses along the road.