

Photocopiable Sheet 2

Writing Frame 1

Look at the photo of your house. Think about who might live there.

How many people live there? What are their names?

Draw what these people look like in this box. Can you add some words to your picture?

Draw what your people might be doing inside the house. Label your picture.

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Writing Frame 2

Look at the photo of your house. Think carefully about who might live there and what they might be doing. Fill in the boxes below with words which explain your ideas.

How many people live here? What are their names?

Write words to say what these people look like. How are they dressed?

What are these people doing? Are they enjoying themselves?

What is it like living in this house with these people? How would you feel if you lived there with them?

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What features does your house have which you would consider essential for all housing? Use the house survey you have already completed to make a checklist of features so that you can compare all houses.

Checklist

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

5) _____

6) _____

7) _____

8) _____

9) _____

10) _____

11) _____

12) _____

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Feature Focus

Which of the housing features you have spotted are most important?

In the table below, list the features in the order of priority, and explain why you have put them in that place.

No.	Feature	Reasons for placing it here in the list
1		
2		
3		
4		
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The Oak House (1)

We do not know when Oak House was made. It was sold to John Turton in 1634. John Turton paid £350 for Oak House. The Turtons or their family, owned Oak House until 1894. By 1894 Oak House was falling apart. Reuben Farley bought it and repaired it. He gave the house to the people of West Bromwich as a museum. Oak House was visited by the Queen in 1977.

The Oak House (2)

We do not know when Oak House was built, but we do know it was owned by the Turton family in 1634. We know this because a deed shows that Thomas Turton sold the house to his elder brother John, in that year for £350.

The Turton family owned several mills, which made iron blades and nails, and this is how they made their money.

Oak House was extended in the 17th Century as the Turtons took advantage of the English Civil War to increase their wealth and standing.

Oak House stayed in the Turton family, or with their relatives, until 1894. It was leased out for the end of this time and became very run down.

In 1894 Oak House was bought by Alderman Reuben Farley, who paid for the house to be fully restored. Reuben Farley then gave Oak House to the people of West Bromwich as a museum. Since then it has housed many interesting exhibitions. It reopened in 1951 as a furnished 17th Century house. The Queen visited Oak House in 1977, and it is still used for concerts and other activities.

Oak House Fact Finder (1)

1. When was the Oak House first sold?

2. Who was it sold to?

3. How much did it cost?

4. When did Reuben Farley buy Oak House?

5. What was it like when he bought it?

6. What did he do?

7. Who did he give it to?

Oak house Fact finder (2)

1. Who owned Oak House in 1634?

2. How do we know?

3. How much was it sold for?

4. How did the Turtons make their money?

5. What was Oak House used for before Reuben Farley bought it? _____

6. When did he buy it?

7. What did he do to the house after he bought it?

8. Who did Farley give the house to?

9. What has Oak House been used for since?

Compare Rooms

Look at the pictures of the Oak House rooms on the tour and in the table below record the similarities and differences between them and our modern rooms.

Room	Similarities	Differences

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Problems and Solutions

Think about what life must have been like living in the Oak House when it was built. What problems do you think there might have been? Do we have these problems in our houses today? If not, how have they been solved?

Problems with life in the Oak House.	How these problems are dealt with in modern houses.

Resources Diary

My Diary by _____

	Water	electricity
When I get up		
During the morning		
At dinnertime		
During the afternoon		
During the evening		

How much water did you use?

Use the example amounts below to work out how much water you used during the day.

- Every time you flush the toilet: 7.5 litres
- Every time you wash your hands: 4 litres
- Every time you brush your teeth: 4 litres
- Every time you have a shower: 30 litres
- Every time you have a bath: 90 litres
- Every time you wash up: 10 litres
- Every time you have a drink: 1 litre

Use the boxes below to work out how much water you use each day.

<u>Toilet</u>	<u>Wash hands</u>
<u>Teeth</u>	<u>Shower</u>
<u>Bath</u>	<u>Wash up</u>
<u>Drink</u>	<u>Total</u>

Saving Water

You now know how much water you use a day. But, do you need to use that much? Sometimes there is a water shortage and we have to save water. In the boxes below can you suggest ways you could cut down on the amount of water you use?

Mystery Objects focus sheet

Discuss the following questions as a group. See if you can agree on 1 or 2 ideas for each one.

1. What do you think this object is?

2. What might it be used for?

3. What material/s do you think the object is made from?

4. Why do you think it is made from this material?

5. How does this object help the house save energy or resources?
