



**Kent Children  
and Young People**

To Primary School Headteachers in Kent

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Dear Colleague,

### **Reconnect and Visit Kent 'Lessons in a Box'**

I am writing to inform you of an exciting offer for Key Stage 2 classes. Reconnect Kent has funded Visit Kent to develop 'Lessons in a Box'; a series of six engaging writing lessons that will help teachers to fill the gaps in learning resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic, reconnect children to their local areas, and give classes the chance to win an exciting school trip to a leading Kent attraction.

As part of Reconnect 'Lessons in a Box', teachers will be provided with ready-made lesson plans linked to the Key Stage 2 English National Curriculum, with a focus on writing and composition. The box includes:

- Full detailed lesson plans with learning objectives that link to the national curriculum.
- Accompanying worksheets, including extension activities.
- PowerPoint slides to support all of the lessons.
- And some surprises inside for pupils to discover.

The 6-lesson module aims to bring fun, purpose and confidence to children to support them to create their own creative work for a real audience. The lessons lead to the chance to win a class trip to visit their chosen historic location.

Pupils are set an exciting mission to discover all of the amazing secret treasures that Kent has to offer and to use their persuasive writing skills to bring these to life for other children their own age. In groups, children will plan and create two of their own adverts to enter into Visit Kent's County-wide competition. **The winning group will have their advert published and will win a trip for their class to their chosen destination, coach travel included!**

As part of the task, children will explore the people and stories behind six of Kent's most iconic historic locations:

- [English Heritage \(Dover Castle\)](#)
- [The Historic Dockyard Chatham](#)
- [Canterbury Cathedral](#)
- [Hever Castle](#)
- [Leeds Castle](#)
- [National Trust \(Chartwell\)](#)

Lesson plans, resources and materials have been developed in partnership with expert learning teams at these attractions and specialist educational consultants to ensure they meet the Key Stage 2 National Curriculum requirements, whilst using creative ways to address gaps in learning and bring history to life through Kent's rich heritage.

**The boxes are free and are available on a first come, first served basis.**

Subject to availability, the last day schools will be able to claim boxes is **18<sup>th</sup> March 2022**. They will be shipped just before the Easter holidays to allow time to read through the lesson plans and information before the summer term. Schools can only apply for one box but the contents are reusable so the box can be shared between classes in a school.

**Learn more and claim your Lesson in a Box here:**

<https://www.visitkent.co.uk/reconnect-kent/>

If you have any questions, please contact [reconnect.kentcyp@kent.gov.uk](mailto:reconnect.kentcyp@kent.gov.uk) or call a member of the Reconnect Programme Team on 03000 423423.

Yours sincerely



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