**Babushka visits Castell Coch**

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| Boy and girl welsh costume  Tiara  Princess dress | Welsh flag  Water spray  Chain  Shield  Sword  Knight’s helmet  Pictures from castle pictures from castle Coch  Black material  Tapestry material  Damp cloth | Crown  Wizard hat  Dragon toys  Blocks  Extra puppet | Tiara  Dress  Lavender spray  Fruit cake  Crown |

**Scene 1:**

**Adult**: We are going on a really special adventure today Babushka, do you want to know where we are going?

**Babushka**: YES!!!

**Adult**: Today we are going to go back in time….

**Babushka**: WOW!!

**Adult:** You need to wear your welsh costume….

*Pass around welsh costume for children to see and feel.*

**Adult**: And a tiara and party dress!

*Pass around tiara and party dress for children to see and feel.*

**Babushka:** But, Why??!

**Adult**: Because today we are going to Castell Coch, for a party with the Marquess!

**Babushka:** Really??!

**Adult**: Get into the time machine Babushka, we are going back in time!

*Support children to move in their chairs and play whirring sounds.*

**Song:** To the tune of ‘The Farmer’s in the Dell’

We’re going back in time, we’re going back in time.

Off to visit Castell Coch, we’re going back in time!

**Scene 2**

**Babushka**: Look at the castle! It’s so big! I can see the Welsh flag blowing in the wind!

*Wave the Welsh flag over the children’s heads and play Welsh anthem.*

**Babushka:** Why has the castle got water going around it? Can I go swimming in it?

*Spray water spray.*

**Adult:** No! The water is called a moat, it is to keep the people living in the castle safe. Look! The guards are putting down the drawbridge so that we can cross – can you hear the sound of the metal chains?

*Play drawbridge sound effect.*

**Song**: To the tune of ‘London’s bridge is falling down.

The castles’ bridge is coming down, coming down, coming down. The castles’ bridge is coming down so that we can visit the castle!

**Babushka:** Can I help to pull the drawbridge back up? Woah, it’s very heavy!

*Children to feel chains.*

**Adult:** Come on Babushka, let’s go and explore the castle!

**Babushka:** Look at all the beautiful tapestries!

*Children to look at and feel tapestry material.*

**Babushka:** And look at the suits of armour! They even have helmets, shields AND a sword!!

*Pass around helmets, shield and sword for children to feel.*

**Adult**: If we climb to the top of the tower, we can see the beautiful view of the whole of Cardiff!

*Show children pictures of the view.*

**Adult:** Let’s go and see the dungeon!!

**Babushka:** Oooooo, it’s very damp, dark and spooky down here. I wouldn’t have wanted to have had to stay down in the dungeon!

*Pass around black material and cold damp cloth.*

*Children to hear sound of a creaky door.*

Song: The castle on the hill – see printed song words.

**Scene 3:**

**Adult**: Babushka, would you like to listen to a story about a castle and two dragons?

**Babushka**: Yes please!

**Adult**: Sit comfortably, Edward is going to tell us a special Welsh story about a red and a white dragon.

**Edward:** Once upon a time, a long time ago, there lived a King.

*Pass around crown for children to feel.*

**Edward:** The king decided he wanted to build a castle. But every day, the workmen’s tools would disappear and the castle walls would get knocked down!

*Children to feel blocks.*

**Edward:** The king asked for help from magicians and wizards.

*Children to feel wizard hats.*

**Edward:** Merlin, the wizard, told the king that there were two dragons sleeping under the lake in a mountain. He thought that it was the dragons who were causing all the trouble!

*Show dragon toys.*

**Edward:** Merlin was right! Two dragons were sleeping under the lake – one dragon was red and one was white! When they woke up, the dragons began to fight! The red dragon won, and the white dragon ran away. The castle was finally built, and the red dragon lived peacefully under the lake. The end!

**Song:** Who will fight the fierce dragon song – see printed words.

**Scene 4:**

**Adult:** What a brilliant story! Thank you Edward! It’s time to put your party dress and tiara on Babushka – the Marquis has arrived!

*Children to feel dress and tiara.*

**Adult:** Would you like some perfume Babushka?

**Babushka:** Yes please! Mmm I smell like lavender!

**Adult:** It’s time for some dancing! Can you hear the music?

*Play Welsh music and use scarves to dance with the children.*

**Babushka:** I’m hungry after all that dancing! Time for a feast!

*Children to taste / smell fruit cake.*

**Adult**: Oh and look Babushka, why don’t you go and say hello to that handsome prince!!

*Children to feel crown.*

**Adult:** What a busy day! It’s time for us to go now Babushka, bye everyone!!