


Deeper Learning... $\bigcirc 0$

## What is a 'Gargoyle?'

A Gargoyle is a grotesque carved human or animal face or figure projecting from the gutter of a building, typically acting as a spout.
There are three basic functions of gargoyles: to evacuate rainwater from rooftops, to decorate drains, and based on popular legends and beliefs, to act as a symbol to warn off any bad spirits that may wish to enter the cathedral. Almost like a modern-day scarecrow!

Gargoyles are generally made from stone and are fixed to the exterior of a building. These date back to the $13^{\text {th }}$ Century which is right at the start of the Renaissance period.

## The 'pinch pot'.

A ceramic technique to create a rounded, hollow shell which can be used to mould a gargoyle.

## The Big Question...

How could you create your own gargoyle?

Activity: If you were going to create your own gargoyle, what would it look like and why?


Activity: What building in Atherton would you like to recreate?

