

Como House and Garden – education program



Social Script – for the families and teachers of students visiting Como House and Garden that are on the Autism Spectrum.

What is Como House?

Como House is a house that was built in the olden days, and it used to be where the Armytage family lived. No one lives there anymore. Now Como House is a place where people come and learn about history. The house has lots of old fashioned objects in it, but I'm not allowed to touch them.



Arrival

When we arrive at Como House, I will wait until the teacher says to get off the bus.

I will make sure to stand back from Williams Road, it might be loud, I might be able to hear cars.



Walking in

I will follow my guides up the path to the front of the house.



The guides

The guides will be dressed in a costume that is from the olden days. The guides aren't really from the olden days, they are pretending.



Snack and lunch time

The guides will show us where to put our bags and where we will have snack and lunch break. I will put my rubbish back in my bag when I am finished eating.



Toilets

The guides will show us where the toilets are.

I must ask a teacher before going to the toilet.

I might have to wait if someone is already in the toilet.




Broken Doll Mystery

When I do the Broken Doll activity, I will always stay with my adult.

I will make sure to share with my friends, so everyone can have a go.

THE MYSTERY OF THE BROKEN DOLL

Can you solve it?























In 1875, Laura Armytage had a big birthday party at Como House with 20 of her friends. Laura was given a very expensive porcelain doll, which she put away in her room when her party started. However, during the day someone went up to her room and broke the doll.

Can you find out who did it?

Follow the map around the garden to each clue. Once you find the clue read the question, find the answer on the back of the clue and cross out each suspect as you go.

Good Luck!

Note - this is a fictional story created for the purpose of this activity.

 <p>EDWARD</p> <p>Age: 8 Hobbies: Chess, Skittles, Tug-o-war Favourite colour: Orange</p>	 <p>HENRY</p> <p>Age: 5 Hobbies: Croquet, Skittles, Tug-o-war Favourite colour: Blue</p>	 <p>ALICE</p> <p>Age: 7 Hobbies: Croquet, Drawing, Hop Scotch Favourite colour: Blue</p>	 <p>CATHERINE</p> <p>Age: 8 Hobbies: Croquet, Reading, Scrap booking Favourite colour: Blue</p>	 <p>ARTHUR</p> <p>Age: 10 Hobbies: Reading, Dominoes, Snakes & Ladders Favourite colour: Purple</p>
 <p>ANNE</p> <p>Age: 7 Hobbies: Skipping, Hop Scotch, Croquet Favourite colour: Blue</p>	 <p>JAMES</p> <p>Age: 3 Hobbies: Eating, Sleeping Favourite colour: White</p>	 <p>MARGARET</p> <p>Age: 4 Hobbies: Oranges & Lemons, Drop the Hanky Favourite colour: Pink</p>	 <p>JOHN</p> <p>Age: 7 Hobbies: Croquet, Dominoes, Snakes & Ladders Favourite colour: Blue</p>	 <p>ALFRED</p> <p>Age: 7 Hobbies: Croquet, Cricket, Tug-o-war Favourite colour: Yellow</p>
 <p>MARY</p> <p>Age: 6 Hobbies: Croquet, Drop the Hanky, Hide & Seek Favourite colour: Blue</p>	 <p>RICHARD</p> <p>Age: 7 Hobbies: Croquet, Cricket, Tug-o-war Favourite colour: Red</p>	 <p>JANE</p> <p>Age: 9 Hobbies: Croquet, Skipping, Sewing Favourite colour: Red</p>	 <p>GRACE</p> <p>Age: 11 Hobbies: Sewing, Reading, Scrap booking Favourite colour: Purple</p>	 <p>ROBERT</p> <p>Age: 7 Hobbies: Fishing, Cricket, Croquet Favourite colour: Blue</p>
 <p>WILLIAM</p> <p>Age: 9 Hobbies: Reading, Marbles, Croquet Favourite colour: Green</p>	 <p>ELIZABETH</p> <p>Age: 5 Hobbies: Hop Scotch, Skipping, Oranges & Lemons Favourite colour: Blue</p>	 <p>THOMAS</p> <p>Age: 4 Hobbies: Skittles, Marbles, Hide & Seek Favourite colour: Blue</p>	 <p>CHARLOTTE</p> <p>Age: 7 Hobbies: Hide & Seek, Croquet, Hot Potato Favourite colour: Blue</p>	 <p>HELEN</p> <p>Age: 11 Hobbies: Reading, Tennis Favourite colour: Purple</p>

Exploring the gardens

We will explore the garden; it might be sunny or it might be raining.



Old fashioned games

When we play old fashioned games, I will listen to the rules.

I might not get to play the game I want to first. I will wait my turn.

I will be careful with the equipment.



House tour

Inside the house there are a lot of rooms like a living room that they call a drawing room.

When I go inside Como House, I will keep my hands to myself and not touch anything.

I will use my inside voice.

If I have a question, I will put my hand up.



Dancing

We will explore the rooms and might do some old-fashioned dancing in the ball room. The music might be loud.



Servants' chores

When we do the servants laundry activity my hands might get wet and cold from the water.

I will listen carefully to the guide and wait my turn.



The bells

We might play a game where we have to listen to bells. The bells might be loud.

We will also get to see the old fashioned kitchen. I won't touch anything because it might break.



Leaving

When it is time to leave, I will take my bag and my rubbish with me.

I will listen to my teacher and walk back down to the bus the same way we got here.

