THREE SOLWAY CHURCHES DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Activity Three: Royal Links

Activity title	Royal Links Edward 1
Objectives	To understand how Burgh by Sands is linked to Royalty
	To learn about the life of Edward 1
	To make a picture of Edward 1
Activity	Introduce the activity to the children using the following information:
	In 1307 this church building which is situated on the border between England and Scotland, was the focus of
	momentous events in the life of the nation. King Edward 1 (known as Edward Longshanks, hammer of the Scots) In
	poor health and having spent most of the cold winter months at Lanercost Priory, held Parliament in Carlisle and
	remained in the City from March until late June. Setting off from Carlisle on 27 th June, on his way to wage war in
	Scotland, the ailing King did not reach Kirkandrews-on-Eden until 3 rd July, arriving at Burgh by Sands on 5 th July. The
	King camped at Burgh Marsh.
	The route to Scotland lay before him across the fords and fields. It was in this bleak and lonely setting that the
	great Plantagenet King died on 7 th July. The place of his death was marked with a heap of great stones replaced in
	1685 by a towering monument, which was rebuilt in 1803. King Edward's body was brought to Burgh Church to lie in
	State. The King's Court and his Heir, the future King Edward 2 came to burgh Church in homage and his Heir was
	proclaimed King in Carlisle on the following day.
	Explain that the Church was very important as the body of a King needed to be kept safe. Show children resource
	sheet 5 and tell the children you would like it coloured in to represent Kind Edward 1.
Plenary	Recap with children the reason why Burgh Church is important in relation to Royalty and Kings.







