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# Windsor Castle and the Royal Family



Mr Hemmsley is a PC in the Metropolitan Police's Royal and Special Protection Department.

He came to talk to us about what it is like to work at Windsor Castle and protect the Royal Family. He taught us all about when the castle was built, and how many people live there now! Did you know there are 500 people who work there, and 107 houses for people to live in too? We also learnt that there are two animal farms, a tennis court, a golf course and a cricket pitch too!

As part of his work he has to check the dungeons and the tunnels that lead in and out under the castle, but he did get to go to both Prince Harry and Meaghan Markle's and Princess Eugenie's weddings.

He told us how to be Royal detectives too.. He told us if a Union flag is flying it means that the Royal family are not staying at the castle. If the Royal standard is flying, then we know that one of the Royals are living in that place.



As Mr Hemmsley is a policeman, he also brought us some different hats that they wear as part of their uniform, and let us try a bulletproof jacket on. Without any of his special police equipment, it was still extremely heavy!

