Hello! Welcome to York Minster. My name is Monty and I live here in the Minster. Join me to explore this amazing building and find out where I’m hiding!

Explorer’s name: ............................................................................................................
Today’s date: .................................................................................................................

During our trail, there will be lots of things to do. Look out for these symbols:

- Design
- Discuss
- Listen
- Amazing Fact
- Look
- Touch

Turn over to start exploring!
Our trail begins in the Nave!

During our trail we will need to use this map to help us find our way!

York Minster is a church, where Christians (those who worship God the Father, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit) worship every day. At big services over 2000 people can fit in the Nave!

Look around you, below your feet and above your head.

What words would you use to describe York Minster?

Close your eyes. What can you hear?

There is more to explore in the Nave!
Can you find the **statue** of **Saint Peter**? Saint Peter is York Minster's special saint, he was one of Jesus' closest followers.

One of Saint Peter’s symbols is a **key**. It represents the **keys** to the **gates of heaven**. Can you see a key in Saint Peter’s **hand**?

Do you have a special **symbol** for your **school** or **sports team**? You can see keys all over York Minster if you **look carefully**. See how many you can find as we go on our trail.

Can you spot a **golden dragon** soaring above your head?

What do you think this dragon might have been used for? The dragon is a Minster mystery! We **don’t know** exactly what it was used for. We think it might have been used as a **lever** for a heavy **font lid** (a font is used to hold water for baptism).

**Fact!** The **Nave** is the same size as a full sized **football pitch**!

Follow me to the **Central Tower**.
Can you see the Kings’ Screen? How many kings can you see?

Each King is different. Which one is your favourite? Why?

Draw your favourite king here.

Can you find the thirteenth king (Henry IV)? Look carefully below his feet. Can you spot a cat?

What is the cat chasing?

Follow me into the Quire.
Can you spot the huge golden eagle? It is used to hold the Bible.

What do the eagle’s feathers and claws feel like?

The eagle is made of brass and weighs a massive one and a half tonnes. That’s the same weight as a fully grown hippopotamus!

Can you see the shields in the Quire? These shields contain lots of different symbols and patterns. They represent people linked to York Minster.

Design your own shield. What kind of symbols and patterns will you use to represent yourself?

Can you find the Cathedra?

The Cathedra is like a throne. A very important person sits here - The Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu.

Follow me to the North Transept.
Can you find the famous Five Sisters Window?

Can you spot these patterns in the window?

The patterns in this window are influenced by Islamic designs.

Fact!

Design another pattern here, or copy one from the window.

Follow me to the Chapter House.

This way!
How does the Chapter House make you feel?

- Cold □
- Thoughtful □
- Happy □
- Peaceful □
- Cheerful □
- Warm □
- Excited □
- Sad □

- Anything else?

Touch the different types of stone around the Chapter House. One is a type of limestone called magnesian limestone (the lighter stone) and the other is a different kind of limestone called Purbeck marble (the darker stone). What do they feel like?

Can you find the Dean’s seat? Go and sit in it. The Dean is in charge of the Chapter of York.

The stone seats around the Chapter House are where the Canons sit (the people who manage York Minster). Together they form the “Chapter”. The Chapter House is their meeting room. It is over 700 years old!

Can you find me hidden amongst all the faces in the Chapter House?

Well done explorer! You’ve completed the trail and found my hiding place!

Turn over for some fun activities to complete at home!
Can you find all ten words? They go up, down, forwards, backwards and diagonally. Good luck!

- Minster
- Monkey
- Dragon
- Peter
- Kings
- Chapter
- Five Sisters
- Eagle
- Cathedra
- Keys