

## OLDEST HOUSE VOCABULARY LIST

The following words are used in our educational tours of the Oldest House. Some students may not be familiar with them. Students who study this vocabulary prior to their visit to the Oldest House will better understand the guide who is giving the tour.

*lava* – melted rock that comes out of a volcano; such rock when it cools and becomes hard

*porous* – full of tiny holes that air, water or light can pass through

*ballast* – rocks carried in the bottoms of ships to keep them from tipping over

*garrison* – soldiers that defend a fort

*Canary Islands* – islands off the west coast of Africa that belong to Spain

*thatch* – straw, reeds or palm leaves used to make a roof

*tabby* – a kind of concrete made from sand, seashells and lime

*lime* – a white substance that one gets by burning seashells; when made wet and allowed to dry, it gets very hard

*quarry* – a place where people dig out stone to use in buildings

*plaster* – a pasty substance made of sand, lime and water that hardens when it dries; used to cover walls and ceilings

*tavern* – a place where people come to relax and drink beer, wine and other drinks

*barracks* – a building where soldiers live and sleep

*friary* – a place where members of a religious brotherhood live and work

*archaeologist* – a scientist who studies things people left behind in order to learn how people lived in the past

*midwife* – a woman who helps women in childbirth

*wig* – a false hairpiece made to look like real hair

*lice* – more than one *louse*, a small insect that lives in people's hair and makes them itch

*gamble* – to play betting games in hope of making money (but usually losing it!)

*paneling* – thin, wide pieces of wood used to cover walls