

Information for Teachers

Hidden Histories: An Archaeology Adventure

KS2 Session at Flag Fen



Flag Fen is recognised as the finest Bronze Age archaeological site in northern Europe. This Hidden Histories day celebrates the role of Archaeology as a way of finding out about the past and understanding a different way of life.

This session focuses on archaeology from the Stone Age to the Roman period. We can include the Vikings on request. If you would like us to focus on just one or two particular time periods instead, please let us know at the time of booking.



Be an Archaeologist!

In our indoor simulated archaeological dig, pupils will use a variety of excavation tools and techniques to dig and find real and replica archaeological finds. Through the experience, they will find out more about archaeology and the role of the archaeologist. In their discoveries, pupils will learn how to interpret evidence, develop their understanding of chronology and get an insight into life in the past.

Please note that we use clean, shredded recycled rubber in our dig pits. The rubber reacts in the same way as soil, but creates a cleaner and healthier environment to work in.

The role of an Archaeological Site

Explore Flag Fen with our knowledgeable guides and discover what the archaeological finds and the experimental archaeology tell us about how people lived in the past. As Flag Fen is a Bronze Age site, this historical period will be used as the example. You will see how the archaeological finds are being preserved and conserved such as the Bronze Age causeway remains and the eight prehistoric log boats found at Must Farm. Pupils will be encouraged to discuss how 'Bronze Age life' is presented and the role the site plays in teaching and learning about the past.

One example of experimental archaeology you will study during the guided tour is the reconstructed Bronze Age and Iron Age roundhouses. This leads nicely into the next activity...



... Time for a story

Get cosy in our Iron Age roundhouse and enjoy a traditional prehistoric story. You have an option of choosing whether or not to have a fire lit in the roundhouse for this activity.

National curriculum links: History, English, Science.

Learning objectives:

Participating in this 'Hidden Histories' day, pupils will:

- Develop a chronological understanding of the changes in Britain from the Stone Age to Roman period.
- Gain historical understanding in relation to how we find out about the past through experimental archaeology and the use of primary sources.
- Understand historical concepts such as significance; continuity and change; cause and consequence and similarity and difference.
- Show an understanding that science is, and always has been used in the real world.
- Deduct statements and inferences from evidence.

"The children thoroughly enjoyed the practical digging exercise. Many of the things covered were reinforcements for the learning and activities in the classroom." (Teacher at Holme Court School)

"The involvement of the children and practical elements gave a perspective that is difficult to achieve in the classroom" (Teacher at Mareham Primary)

Other information:

Duration:	Full day: 10 am–2 pm.
Cost:	£292 + VAT for groups of 26-32 pupils £276 + VAT for groups of 21-25 pupils £262.50 + VAT for groups of up to 20 pupils This cost includes supporting adults and a pre-visit.
Maximum group size:	Maximum number per group is 32 and the site can accommodate up to four groups at any one time.
Recommended ratio:	Minimum 1 adult to 10 students.
What to bring:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suitable outdoor clothing for predicted weather, including a spare pair of shoes/wellington boots if visiting during the Autumn/Winter.
Information for coach driver/s	Coach drivers are welcome to use the toilet facilities in the Visitor Centre. Please note, the café in the Visitor Centre is open <i>Wednesday to Sunday</i> between March and October or <i>Friday to Sunday</i> between November and February. Coach parking is available for up to three coaches per day. Parking is free of charge.
Booking information:	To book, please contact us by phone or email. When the activities and date are agreed, a booking form and risk assessment is emailed to you. To confirm the visit we ask that you complete the booking form and email it back to us.
A note about behaviour:	Members of the school staff have overall responsibility for the behaviour of their pupils and we expect you to support Flag Fen staff with this where necessary. As you know, pupils benefit significantly when school adults also get involved in the workshops so please join in where appropriate.
Pre-visits:	We welcome and encourage pre-visits as it will give you an opportunity to meet a member of the Flag Fen Education Team; familiarise yourself with the site; go through the risk

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	assessment, format of the day and activities and discuss any further needs. Please note that we accept that there may be a need to bring along dependent children, if this is the case, please advise us in advance. Additional adults and children and additional time on site will be chargeable at the normal visitor rate on the day of the pre-visit.
Queries?	Contact us at: flagfenlearning@peterboroughlimited.co.uk or telephone: 07920160296