

# Who lives here?

## Living things & their habitats

Set in the backdrop of an internationally significant archaeology site, this session provides quality outdoor learning opportunities which are fun, creative, practical, and cross curricular. It aims to inspire pupils about the wonders of nature, sparks their curiosity about the natural environment and explores living things and their habitats and micro-habitats within Flag Fen.

### Explore habitats & micro-habitats

Spend time in the great outdoors at Flag Fen Archaeology Park exploring the site and discovering the many habitats & micro-habitats that can be found at Flag Fen. Pupils will consider how the habitats and micro-habitats suit the basic needs of the plants and wildlife that live there and have the opportunity to observe, identify and present their findings. We will also reflect back on our journey across the Flag Fen landscape to compare the differences between things that are living, dead and things that have never been alive.



### Pond Life: What swims in the mere?

Pupils will have the opportunity to observe what pond creatures live in the mere at Flag Fen. They will then use identification charts to identify the aquatic creatures and record what features they have that help them to live and survive in an aquatic habitat.

### Woodland wildlife: Who lives here?

Explore an area of woodland at Flag Fen and use an identification chart to identify and name mini-beasts, plants and trees living in the area. Pupils will explore the micro-habitats within the area and begin to understand which living things live there and why. They will begin to describe how the micro-habitats are a suitable environment for the mini-beasts that live there.



### Design a mini-beast clay craft

Pupils will discuss how different mini-beasts are adapted to suit their habitat and then apply this knowledge to create a new species of mini-beast using clay. They will consider the features that existing mini-beasts have and then decide what features their new species of mini-beasts will have to help them survive. Pupils will also consider what habitat their mini-beasts are designed to live in and why they are most suited to that environment.

**National curriculum links:** Science, English, Citizenship/PSHE, P.E, Art

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### Learning objectives:

Participating in this session, participants will:

- Identify that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited.
- Describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants, and how they depend on each other.
- Identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including micro-habitats.
- Explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead & things that have never been alive.
- Learn about the environment and the need to conserve it
- Build confidence in outdoor settings and learn new skills
- Be inspired by the possibilities of nature and outdoor learning

### Other information:

<b>Duration:</b>	10am- 2 pm.
<b>Cost:</b>	£262.50 + VAT per class of up to 30 pupils. Minimum charge of £210 for groups of up to 20 pupils. Cost includes supporting adults, activities and admission to the site.
<b>Group size:</b>	We can cater up to 4 classes per day.
<b>Ratio:</b>	Minimum ratio of 1 adult to 8 children.
<b>What to bring:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suitable outdoor clothing for predicted weather, including a spare pair of shoes/wellington boots if visiting during the Autumn/Winter.</li> <li>• Boxes or classroom trays to transport craft back to school.</li> </ul>
<b>Booking information:</b>	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 pre-visit teachers' pack will be sent to you which gives more information on the activities and background information about Flag Fen. An invoice is sent after the visit.
<b>Information for coach driver/s</b>	Coach drivers are welcome to use the toilet facilities in the Visitor Centre. Please note, the café in the Visitor Centre is open <i>Thursday to Monday</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.
<b>A note about behaviour:</b>	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. Clear expectations of behaviour are stated as part of the H&S. Adult participation with the group activities is necessary and information about these activities is emailed to you before the visit.
<b>Pre-visits:</b>	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 assessment, format the day and activities and discuss any further needs. Please note 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 will be chargeable at the normal visitor rate on the day of the pre-visit.
<b>Queries?</b>	Contact us at: <a href="mailto:flagfenlearning@peterboroughlimited.co.uk">flagfenlearning@peterboroughlimited.co.uk</a> or telephone: 01733 317 988