

# Information for Teachers

## Local History Study (KS3)



Flag Fen is recognised as one of the finest Bronze Age archaeological sites in northern Europe. Excite the imagination and bring the past to life with a 'Local History Study' that can cover the changes in local area from the Stone Age through to the Iron Age as well as the impact of the Roman invasion and modern day Flag Fen.

Talk to us about how we can create the best day for you.

### Exploration of the Flag Fen site



Journey through time with our knowledgeable guides and explore the site as our ancestors once did. Discover how our ancestors used natural materials for food, medicine and to make things. What evidence will you find at the Flag Fen for how people managed the changing landscape?

View a section of the Bronze Age causeway in situ and learn about the Fen Causeway, a section of Roman road, which runs through the site.

Discoveries at the local Must Farm archaeological site are also interwoven into this session. You will have the opportunity to

learn about the Must Farm boats: 8 Bronze and Iron Age log boats which are being conserved at Flag Fen – as featured in the British Museum's 'Teaching History with 100 Objects' <http://teachinghistory100.org/>.

**Pupil workbooks for the exploration of the Flag Fen site are available on request which pupils can complete during their visit.**

### Prehistoric Homes

Get cosy in our roundhouse and find out how prehistoric houses changed and developed during prehistory.

You have an option of choosing whether or not you would like to have a fire lit in the roundhouse for this activity.



**We have a number of introductory and follow-up presentations which cover different aspects of the Flag Fen site. These can be sent to you on receipt of a visit confirmation form to support your local history study.**

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### Extend your visit to a full day:

#### Option 1: Be an Archaeologist

In our indoor simulated archaeological dig, pupils will use a variety of excavation tools and techniques to unearth and record genuine archaeological finds. Through the experience, they will find out more about archaeology and the role of the archaeologist. In their discoveries, they will learn how to interpret evidence, develop their understanding of chronology and get an insight into life in the past. They will also be introduced to the concept of stratigraphy – a principal process in archaeology.



#### Option 2: Using objects as sources: Handling – real and replica artefacts

Pupils can examine the various source of evidence for life in Prehistory (Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age) and/or Roman Britain. During the enquiry-based activity they will discover what these objects tell us about the past: specifically people and its landscapes. Experiencing this activity is a great way of getting up close to genuine archaeological artefacts and to learn more about what everyday life was like in the past.

We can also include fossils in the handling session if this links with your local history study.

#### Experimental archaeology

Learn the importance of experimental archaeology and what this has taught us about prehistory.

Choose from the following clay craft options:

- Bronze Age pots
- Stone Age pots
- Iron Age beads
- Roman pottery



**.National curriculum links:** English, History, Science.

#### Learning objectives:

**Participating in this 'Local History Study' day, pupils will:**

- Develop a chronological understanding of the changes in the local area from the Stone Age through to the present day.
- 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 and make statements and inferences from evidence.



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### Other information:

<b>Duration:</b>	Half day: 10am-12pm Full day: 10 am–2 pm.
<b>Cost:</b>	Half day: £210 + VAT per group of up to 30 pupils. Minimum charge: £180 + VAT per group of up to 20 pupils. Full day: £262.50 + VAT per group of up to 30 pupils. Cost includes admission charge, all activities, supporting adults and a pre-visit. Minimum charge for school groups of 20 or less students for a full day: £210 + VAT
<b>Maximum group size:</b>	Maximum number per group is 30 and the site can accommodate up to three groups at any one time.
<b>Ratio:</b>	Minimum 1 adult to 10 students.
<b>What to bring:</b>	Suitable outdoor clothing for predicted weather, including a spare pair of shoes/wellington boots if visiting during the Autumn/Winter. Boxes or classroom trays to transport craft back to school.
<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>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. Once confirmed, a Teachers' Resource Pack is emailed to you. An invoice is sent to the school during the month the visit is due to take place.
<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. As you know, pupils benefit significantly when school adults also get involved in the workshops so please join in where appropriate.
<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 of the day and activities and discuss any further needs. Please advise us in advance if you need to bring along dependent children. If the site is open to the general public, then you are welcome to pay the entrance fee to stay on site – only the pre-visit part of your visit is free.
<b>Queries?</b>	Contact us at: <a href="mailto:flagfenlearning@peterboroughlimited.co.uk">flagfenlearning@peterboroughlimited.co.uk</a> or telephone: 01733 317 988