

# Cardiff Castle

## An Audience with Queen Victoria

### Location

Your workshop will take place in the Housekeeper's Room (Room 1) of the Education Centre.

### Description

Queen Victoria grants an audience to school children in a special workshop looking at both her life and the lives of the poor during her reign. During the workshop, children will be given the opportunity to learn more about the Victorian period, learn about some of the Queen's likes and dislikes, handle objects from her handbag, and learn good deportment and manners.

The workshop is taken by a costumed interpreter, Sylvia Strange who works as Queen Victoria all over Britain. She is usually accompanied by her dresser.

### Guided Tour of the Castle

A guided tour of the House is included in the price of the visit. The tour will take children to some of the highly decorated rooms that date from the Victorian period. The designs reflect the architect's vision of how the interior of a medieval Castle would have been.

### Duration

The workshop will last for an hour. The guided tour of the Castle will last approximately 50 minutes.

### Key Learning Outcomes

By the end of the session, your pupils will have:

- ◆ Learnt how Victoria came to be queen
- ◆ Learnt how she is related to the current Royal family
- ◆ Learnt about Prince Albert and Queen Victoria's children
- ◆ Learnt about clothing at the time – what the rich and poor wore
- ◆ Learnt about the types of food that the rich and poor would have eaten
- ◆ Learnt how Victorian ladies were taught good deportment
- ◆ Learnt the types of items that Queen Victoria might have carried in her handbag and contrasted them with what people carry today
- ◆ Learnt about and seen objects that were popular at the time but are no longer in use (e.g. a hair brooch)

### Main Links to the National Curriculum

- ◆ **Foundation Phase (Wales)**
  - Knowledge and Understanding of the World
- ◆ **Key Stage 1 (England)**
  - Lives of significant men, women and children drawn from the history of Britain and the wider world (for example artists, engineers, explorers, inventors, pioneers, rulers, saints, scientists)
  - Events beyond living memory
- ◆ **Key Stage 2 (Wales)**
  - Changes to people's daily lives in the locality in the nineteenth century (History)
- ◆ **Key Stage 2 (England)**
  - A study of an aspect or theme in British history that extends pupils' chronological knowledge beyond 1066

### **What is Also Included in Your Visit**

Your visit to the Castle also includes:

- Use of the Audio Guide which has been written especially for children
- Film show and access to areas of the Grounds including the Keep, the Battlements and Wartime Shelters.
- A Visit to Firing Line – Museum of the Welsh Soldier (Military Museum in the Interpretation Centre). Please note: Firing Line is independently managed and any activities offered are not a part of Cardiff Castle's Education Service. Visits may not be possible on certain days, or may incur an additional charge

We usually have birds of prey on site during the week although we cannot guarantee this.