

Cardiff Castle

Dragon Tales Workshop

Location

Your workshop will take place in the medieval Undercroft.

Description

This is a play-based workshop which gives pupils the opportunity to engage their imagination to be taken back to time of brave knights and dragons. Sir Devlin, the knight will introduce a series of games for the pupils to play and tell a dramatic tale in an interactive, exciting workshop.

Though designed specifically for the Foundation Phase, these sessions can easily be adapted for old pupils.

Your workshop will be taken by a professional costumed facilitator.

Guided Tour of Castle

A tour of the House will take children around some of the highly decorated, colourful rooms that were designed by the architect, William Burges. His designs are from the Victorian period but reflect Burges' vision of how the interior of a medieval Castle would have been.

Duration

The workshop will last for 75 minutes or less if required. The guided tour lasts approximately 50 minutes though a shorter tour of 30 mins is recommended for younger children who may find the spiral stairs in one of the towers difficult to negotiate. There will be time allowed for lunch and to take advantage of the other aspects that are included in the visit (see below)

Key Learning Outcomes

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

- ◆ Learnt about the qualities and skills that would have been essential for a knight
- ◆ Seen some of the equipment that a knight would have used, including armour and a sword
- ◆ Listened to a story about a knight and a dragon and have had the opportunity to play a part in that story
- ◆ Taken part in a series of games and activities to encourage imagination and team work
- ◆ Practised throwing and co-ordination during the games

Main Links to the National Curriculum

- ◆ **Foundation Phase**
 - **Knowledge and Understanding of the World**
 - **Creative Development**
 - **Physical Development**
- ◆ **History – Key Stage 1 (England)**
 - **Events beyond living memory (History)**
 - **Mastering basic movements including throwing and developing co-ordination in a range of activities (Physical Education)**
 - **Participating in team games (Physical Education)**

What Else is Included in Your Visit

- Use of the Audio Guide that 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.