

Cardiff Castle

Knights, Damsels and Dragons Workshop

Location

Your workshop will take place in the Housekeeper's Room (Room 1) of the Education Centre. It will be led by a professional facilitator. A guided tour of the house is also included in the price of the workshop.

Description

Let the imagination run riot in this storytelling workshop with accounts of medieval knights, damsels in distress and dragons. Learners will create their own original story set in Cardiff Castle. The story will be recorded and a CD of the edited version, with musical interludes, will subsequently be sent to the school. The workshop will be led by a professional DBS-checked facilitator.

Guided Tour of Castle

During the guided tour to Cardiff Castle, pupils will be taken to some of the highly-decorated rooms from the Victorian period of the Castle's history (though decorated to look like the inside of a medieval castle), including the children's nursery which has a beautiful tiled fairy tale frieze and nursery rhyme lanterns.

Duration

The workshop will last for 60 minutes. The guided tour takes approximately 50 minutes though those with very young children sometimes choose a shorter option (approx 30 mins) which omits the spiral staircase in one of the towers.

Key Learning Outcomes

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

- ◆ Learnt how to use mime, facial expressions and movement to portray different characters and emotions
- ◆ Learnt about the plot outlines and generic characters found in myths and legends
- ◆ Learnt how the roles and characteristics of generic characters can be subverted when creating a story
- ◆ Learnt how to create a plot and characters for their story and to create tension within the story
- ◆ Learnt about the importance of keeping things relevant and interrelated within their story
- ◆ Learnt the importance of the "big problem" when creating a story
- ◆ Learnt how to speak clearly using a microphone and how to use appropriate expression
- ◆ Learnt how to take it in turns and work as a team

Main Links to the National Curriculum

- ◆ **Foundation Phase/Early Years**
 - **Knowledge and Understanding of the World**
 - **Language, Literacy and Communication Skills**
 - **Creative Development**
 - **Personal and Social Development, Well-Being and Cultural Diversity**
- ◆ **Key Stage 2 (Wales)**
 - **English – Oracy**
 - **Skills – Curriculum Cymreig, ICT, Communication, Thinking, Personal Social Education**
- ◆ **Key Stage 1 & 2 (England)**
 - **English – Spoken Language**

For both Wales and England, visits can cover the majority of periods of history studied at KS2 (Romans, Normans/Age of the Princes, Victorian and 1940's).

What Else is Included in Your Visit

- Use of the Audio Guide for the Grounds which is written especially for children
- Film show and access to all 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 also usually have birds of prey on site during the week although we cannot always guarantee this.