

Cardiff Castle

Meet the Knight Workshop

Location

Your workshop will take place either in the Steward's Room (Room 2) of the Education Centre or, depending on other bookings, in the medieval Undercroft.

Description

This workshop gives pupils the opportunity to learn about castles, knights, armour and weapons in an interactive session with a "knight", who will teach pupils about a variety of medieval armour and weapons and their use in battle.

The session will end with an opportunity for all pupils to hold a real sword, try on chain mail and use a selection of helmets (plastic) and puppets to inspire further work upon their return to school.

Your workshop will be taken by a DBS-checked, 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 60 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 motte and bailey castle
- ◆ Talked about the different types of people who lived in a castle
- ◆ Learnt about the main different styles of armour that would have been used during the medieval period
- ◆ Learnt about some of the methods of attack on the battlefield and why different types of weapons were good for specific purposes

Main Links to the National Curriculum

- ◆ **Foundation Phase**
 - Knowledge and Understanding of the World
- ◆ **History – Key Stage 1 (England)**
 - Events beyond living memory
- ◆ **History – Key Stage 2 (Wales)**
 - The daily life of people in the Age of the Princes
- ◆ **History – Key Stage 2 (England)**
 - A study of an aspect or theme in British history that extends pupils' chronological knowledge beyond 1066

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.