

Cardiff Castle

Standard Roman Session in the Education Centre

Location

Your workshop will take place in the Steward's Room (Room 2) of the Education Centre.

Description

This session in the Education Centre will look at the arrival of the Romans in Cardiff, the possible reasons for their choice of location for the first of the four forts built here, the changes in the shape and location of the forts and the shape of the final fort. Pupils will be shown a range of replica armour and weapons from the Roman period, will discuss their use, their strengths and weaknesses and will have the opportunity to try on selected items.

The session is taken by the Education Officer who is DBS-checked.

Guided Tour of Castle

A guided tour of the House is included in the price of the visit. The tour takes pupils 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. There are references to some of the rulers from the Roman period in the decoration of the Library.

Duration

The session will last for 60-75 minutes. For Foundation Phase/Key Stage 1 pupils and SEN groups, sessions can be shortened to suit the needs of the group. The guided tour of the Castle will last approximately 50 minutes. Teachers with younger children may choose a shorter tour which omits the spiral staircase to the top of one of the towers.

There is additional information about the Roman period on the Audio Guide of the Grounds and in the Family Trail.

Key Learning Outcomes

Learning outcomes and what is covered during sessions will depend on the age, needs and range of the pupils.

However, by the end of the session, pupils of all ages will have:

- ◆ Learnt the likely reasons for the Romans' choice of location for their forts in Cardiff
- ◆ Learnt how we know what we do about the Roman forts in Cardiff
- ◆ Learnt about the different forts in Cardiff Castle
- ◆ Learnt about the different ranks of soldier in a Roman army
- ◆ Learnt about the different types of armour worn and weapons used at the time
- ◆ Learnt about the daily lives of some of those soldiers
- ◆ Talked about and been shown some of the items that were used on a daily basis during the Roman times
- ◆ Tried on a helmet, lifted a shield and handled items of armour

Main Links to the National Curriculum

- ◆ **Key Stage 2 (Wales)**
 - Daily life of people living in either the time of the Iron Age Celts or the Romans (History)
- ◆ **Key Stage 2 (England)**
 - The Roman Empire and its impact on Britain

What Else is Included in Your Visit

Your visit to the Castle also includes:

- 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.