

Cardiff Castle

Roman Workshop

Location

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

Description

There are two parts to this workshop. In one part, pupils will be able see, first-hand, the equipment used by both a Roman Legionary and Auxiliary soldier. In the second part, they will explore how the Romans were organised in battle, take part in a drill and learn about life as a gladiator.

The workshops will be taken by two DBS-checked costumed facilitators.

The visit also includes the Children's Audio Guide, with sections on the Roman period and the Family Trail with additional questions and information on the period.

Duration

Each workshop will last for just under an hour. Groups will rotate throughout the day. A guided tour is not included in the price of the workshop, though can be added at an additional, substantially reduced cost. If chosen, this will last for approximately 50 minutes.

Key Learning Outcomes

Workshop 1 – Armour and Weapons

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

- ◆ Learnt how you become and Legionary soldier
- ◆ Learnt about how a Legionary was trained
- ◆ Learnt about the Legionary's equipment – the armour worn and weapons used
- ◆ Contrasted the Roman Legionary with an ancient Celtic warrior
- ◆ Learnt Roman methods of attack and defence.

Workshop 2 – Drill and Gladiators

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

- ◆ Learnt how to march like a Roman, including responding to commands in Latin
- ◆ Learnt how the Romans formed the "Testudo" ("Turtle/Tortoise")
- ◆ Taken part in a Roman Drill (including forming the "Testudo")
- ◆ Learnt about how Roman Gladiators were trained.
- ◆ Learnt how and why games were developed

Main Links to the National Curriculum

- ◆ **Key Stage 2 (Wales)**
 - **The daily life of people living in the time of 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.