

Cardiff Castle

Standard Victorian Session in the Education Centre

Location

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

Description

These sessions will be adapted to the age and needs of the children in the class.

In general, a session will include:

- An introduction to the Castle in the Victorian period including the Bute family who owned the Castle, the clothing worn by the family and their servants and the development of Cardiff Castle, which is illustrated using the model of the Castle in the Housekeeper's Room.
- Dressing up activity followed by role play. Pupils can dress up as Victorian servants and learn how they should greet a member of the Bute family
- Object handling session involving a wide range of original artefacts along with a few replicas. Group activity with mystery objects incorporating problem solving, thinking skills, reasoning, team work, creativity and drama.

The session is taken by the Education Officer who is DBS-checked or one of the Castle guides

Tour of Castle

A guided tour of the House is included in the price of the visit. The tour will take children 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.

Duration

The session will last for 75 minutes though shorter sessions are sometimes chosen by groups with limited time or younger children. The guided tour of the Castle will last approximately 50 minutes. Teachers with younger children may choose a shorter tour (30 minutes) which omits the spiral staircase to the top of one of the towers.

Key Learning Outcomes

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

- ◆ Learnt about the Bute family – owners of Cardiff Castle during the Victorian period – and the development of the Castle
- ◆ Learnt about the clothing worn by rich children and servants at the time and dressed up as servants
- ◆ Learnt how act as servants during a role play activity
- ◆ Learnt how to safely handle original artefacts with care and respect
- ◆ Learnt how to employ thinking skills and problem solving to work out how objects would have been used
- ◆ Learnt to work as a team and take it in turns to contribute to a group presentation
- ◆ Presented ideas using clear speech, creativity and acting skills

Main Links to the National Curriculum

- ◆ Foundation Phase (Wales)
 - Knowledge and Understanding of the World
- ◆ Key Stage 1 (England)
 - Lives of significant men, women and children drawn from the history of Britain and the wider world (for example artists, engineers, explorers, inventors, pioneers, rulers, saints, scientists)
 - Events beyond living memory
- ◆ Key Stage 2 (Wales)
 - Changes to people's daily lives in the locality in the nineteenth century (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

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.