

Cardiff Castle

Victorian Christmas Tour & Workshop

Location

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

Description

A tour of the Castle, beautifully decorated for Christmas, is followed by a workshop looking at Victorian Christmas traditions. Children can make an authentic Victorian card and a Christmas decoration to take home.

The workshop will begin with a short talk on how many of our current Christmas traditions have been influenced by Victorian Christmas customs. Pupils will make a decoration and then use reproduction scraps and paper lace to make their own version of a Victorian Christmas card.

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

Guided 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 rooms will be decorated for Christmas with stunning trees and greenery adding to the splendour of the rooms. The designs within the rooms reflect the architect's vision of how the interior of a medieval Castle would have been though the decorations for Christmas are predominantly Victorian

Duration

The workshop will last for 75 minutes. The guided tour of the Castle will last approximately 50 minutes. Teachers with younger children may choose a shorter tour (approx 30 mins) 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 origins of many of our Christmas customs including Christmas trees, cards, food and decorations
- ◆ Discuss similarities and differences between Christmas in the Victorian period and now
- ◆ Learnt to make a simple decoration using natural products and paint
- ◆ Learnt to use craft materials sparingly and with care
- ◆ Learnt to make a replica Christmas card using copies of original cards, scraps and paper lace
- ◆ Learnt to use creative skills to ensure an individual and carefully produced card
- ◆ Learnt how to work with care and patience to ensure a high standard of presentation in their work

Main Links to the National Curriculum

- ◆ **Foundation Phase (Wales)**
 - Knowledge and Understanding of the World
 - Creative Development (Celebrations)
- ◆ **Key Stage 1 (England)**
 - Events beyond living memory (History)
 - Using a range of materials creatively to design and make products (Art & Design)
- ◆ **Key Stage 2 (Wales)**
 - Changes to people's daily lives in the locality in the nineteenth century (History)
 - Understanding & Making (Art & Design)
- ◆ **Key Stage 2 (England)**
 - A study of an aspect or theme in British history that extends pupils' chronological knowledge beyond 1066 (History)
 - Improving the mastery of art and design techniques with a range of materials (Art & Design)

What Else is Included in Your Visit

Your visit to the Castle also includes:

- Use of the Audio Guide which is 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.