

Visit us and experience...

- Living History Programmes, tailor-made projects and cross curricular activities



A great day
enjoyed
by all!



Our children
loved the
activities!

Visit us and discover...

- Traditional crafts, local features and hands-on opportunities



The children's
enthusiasm has
helped their
learning.

Visit us and be inspired...

- By our exhibitions and collections to promote bright ideas!

Book at any time, programmes available between
1st April until 30th November*

(*see the website for details of programme availability - www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk/museum)

Living History Programmes

Invaders and Settlers Celts and Romans

Presented by 'DISCOVER HISTORY'

How did the Roman invasion change the way of life of the Celts?
How did these two very different cultures eventually resolve their differences and live side by side?

This exciting hands-on programme looks at and compares the Celts with their cultured Roman successors and explains the effect of the invasion on Britain.



CROSS CURRICULAR LINKS:

HISTORY, GEOGRAPHY, ENGLISH, DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY, ART

eg. **KS2 HISTORY Unit 6a**
Why have people invaded and settled in Britain in the past? A Roman/Celt case study.

CITIZENSHIP Unit 5
Living in a diverse world.

TOPIC LINKS: Homes & Settlements, Travel, Archaeology, Costume, Beliefs

Fire! Fire!

Presented by 'DISCOVER HISTORY'

Exploring the museum's history as a fire station and the town's historic timber framed buildings, this programme looks at the role of the fireman from the earliest Roman times to the present day and.....with the help of our costumed interpreter, your pupils can imagine what it was like to be witnesses to the Great Fire of London in 1666!



As part of this exciting 'hot' hands-on session, the museum's own original 17th Century hand pumped engines and other artefacts from the collection will be on show.

CROSS CURRICULAR LINKS:

HISTORY, GEOGRAPHY, DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY, ENGLISH, MATHS, ART

eg. **KS1 HISTORY Unit 5**
How do we know about the Great Fire of London?

KS1 ENGLISH - Samuel Pepys' diary
Why might diaries from the past be useful to us today?

TOPIC LINKS: Fire, Famous Events, Significant People, Staying Safe

Times: 10:00am - 2:30pm (Full Day - inclusive of lunch break)

Price: £6 per pupil (inc. museum booking fee)

SUGGESTED MAXIMUM NO 45 AND MINIMUM NO 20

Times: 10:00am - 12noon or 12:30pm - 2:30pm (Half Day)

10:00am - 2:30pm (Full Day - inclusive of lunch break)

Price: Half Day - £5 per pupil } (inc. museum booking fee)
Full Day - £6 per pupil }

SUGGESTED MAXIMUM NO 45 AND MINIMUM NO 20

Invaders and Settlers Anglo Saxons

Presented by 'DISCOVER HISTORY'

Who were the Anglo Saxons? Which countries did they come from, when and why did they come? In this exciting programme, we look at everyday life, weapons and warfare, and there are many opportunities for hands-on activities.

A typical whole day session also includes the chance to work with the museum staff to:



- Create your own unique Anglo Saxon coil pot
- Dress as an Anglo Saxon, find out how they made their clothing
- Make a decorative Saxon brooch with intricate patterns.

CROSS CURRICULAR LINKS:

HISTORY, GEOGRAPHY, DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY, ENGLISH, MATHS, ART

eg. **KS2 HISTORY Unit 6b An Anglo Saxon case study**
Why have people invaded and settled in Britain in the past?
KS2 GEOGRAPHY Unit 9
Village settlers. Where did early settlers choose to settle?

TOPIC LINKS: Homes & Settlements, Travel, Archaeology, Costume, Poetry Studies, Beliefs

NEW!

The Making of a Canal Town

Programme linking British Waterways & Stourport Forward

Discover the fascinating story of the early development of Stourport-on-Severn and its historic canal basins. This is brought to life through a variety of different activities and can include a selection from the following:



a guided tour of Stourport's canal basins and its ticket office



when available, the chance to step onto a real narrow boat to see what life was like on the waterways of England



hands-on sessions when pupils will have the opportunity to 'Build a Lock', 'Build a Canal', draw their own examples of Canal Art and help to make a rope in Bewdley Museum's ropewalk.



CROSS CURRICULAR LINKS:

HISTORY, GEOGRAPHY, ENGLISH, DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY, ART

eg. **KS2 HISTORY Unit 18**
What was it like to live here in the past?

KS2 GEOGRAPHY Unit 6
Investigating our local area.

TOPIC LINKS: Transport, Canals, Rivers, Settlements

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Times: 10:00am - 2:30pm (Full Day - inclusive of lunch break)

Price: £6 per pupil

SUGGESTED MAXIMUM NO 30 AND MINIMUM NO 20

Linking with the Severn Valley Railway, a unique chance to combine an exciting ride on a steam train with a curricular linked educational experience.

Sessions available most days: May to September

River and Rail

Design & Technology hands-on workshop

Includes information about ways of crossing or travelling along the river, and looking at the earliest forms of river transport. Your day starts with:



an exciting train ride from Kidderminster to Bewdley on a heritage steam train followed by a short escorted walk to Bewdley Museum, crossing Telford's historic bridge over the River Severn



then an illustrated introduction explaining features and uses of the river, and historic methods of travel. This includes information about the history of the coracle and a chance to view a variety of full-sized coracles, followed by a hands-on model coracle making session working in pairs. Afterwards it's a short walk back to the station, with a return train ride to Kidderminster which completes this unique visit.

Town Trail - Bewdley

Practical look at building styles and developments

Uses Bewdley as an example of a contrasting location to an urban area. Your day starts with:



a steam train ride from Kidderminster to Bewdley, offering a different view of the local area on route, followed by a short escorted walk to the museum with a first glimpse of Bewdley's historic buildings



then an illustrated introduction gives pupils the chance to learn about the development of the town's varied architectural styles. This is followed by a hands-on demonstration of brick making, wattle and daub and timber framing. Pupils will then have the opportunity to follow an 'eye spy' guided trail walk around the town to spot the examples illustrated. A return train ride to Kidderminster completes this exciting visit.

Bewdley Trades

The town's past trades - the Ropemaker, Butcher, Pipemaker

Learn all about the wide variety of trades and crafts that helped to develop the town of Bewdley and many others like it. Your day begins with:



a train ride followed by an escorted walk into Bewdley with a short illustrated introductory session in around the museum. There's a chance to see the museum's collection of related artefacts for charcoal burning, pewter casting, besom broom making and other traditional crafts.



then experience an exciting hands-on session of rope making in the museum's ropewalk and clay pipe making demonstrations. Pewter casting may be available on request.

CROSS CURRICULAR LINKS:

GEOGRAPHY, DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY, MATHS, HISTORY, SCIENCE

eg. **KS2 HISTORY Unit 18**

What was it like to live here in the past?

TOPIC LINKS: Our Environment, Homes & Settlements, Money & Trade, Transport, Homes, Significant People

Blitz and Evacuation

Presented by 'DISCOVER HISTORY'

This increasingly popular and outstandingly successful programme offers the chance for groups to experience a unique insight into the evacuation experiences of children and their families during World War II. With a lively hands-on approach by our costumed interpreter Paul Harding, your pupil's day will include...



a detailed insight into life on the Home Front through the use of original and replica artefacts and role play, **plus the exciting chance to experience what it was really like in the Blitz by sitting in the museum's own, original, on-site air raid shelter.**



a short walk to Bewdley station for a real life 'evacuation' on a heritage steam train up the railway line to the SVR Education Centre at Highley. Then, after lunch.....



more hands-on experiences to find out about rationing and food shortages as well as wartime children's games..... plus another exciting train ride back to either Bewdley or Kidderminster to meet your coach.

CROSS CURRICULAR LINKS:

HISTORY, ENGLISH, MATHS, SCIENCE, GEOGRAPHY, ART

eg. **KS2 HISTORY Unit 9**

What was it like for children in the Second World War?

ENGLISH Reading and writing skills

Letters home, diaries. Non fictional and fictional accounts of the war. Oral history.

TOPIC LINKS: Conflict, Houses, Settlements, Costume, Travel, Food

Price: **£9.25 per pupil**

Package includes: Return train fares as well the whole day with costumed interpreter. A replica identity card and label for each child will also be included and sent out prior to your visit. If possible, 'dressing up' for the period helps too!

SUGGESTED MAXIMUM NO 60 AND MINIMUM NO 20

NEW!

Blitz and the Home Front

This version of Blitz & Evacuation is available for early in the summer term and later in the autumn term when the steam trains are not running. This programme still offers all of the same exciting content, but it is based just on the museum site.

After setting the scene for the wartime period, your day includes the black out, civil defence jobs, evacuation, rationing and children's wartime games plus the chance to learn about the different types of air raid shelters by experiencing a visit to our own at the museum.

Price: **£6 per pupil** (inc. museum booking fee)

PLEASE NOTE: A replica identity card and label for each child will also be included and sent out prior to your visit. If possible, 'dressing up' for the period helps too!

SUGGESTED MAXIMUM NO 60 AND MINIMUM NO 20

Price: **£7.95 per pupil**

PLEASE NOTE: Bookings for these activities will be co-ordinated by the Severn Valley Railway Schools Education Service and NOT Bewdley Museum. For details: Tel: 01746 862387 or email: education@svr.co.uk

SUGGESTED MAXIMUM NO 40 AND MINIMUM NO 20

Grandma's Attic

Presented by Bewdley Museum

Explore the contents of great, great Grandma's house through your pupil's observation of original 19th and 20th century artefacts from the museum's collections. What did she use to clean her floors, wash her clothes or even curl her hair?



This programme includes opportunities for observational discussion and group work as well as a descriptive vocabulary exercise.



PLUS great hands-on chances to beat a carpet, use a washing tub and dolly and try ironing the Victorian way!

Skip and Play - Toys

Presented by 'DISCOVER HISTORY' & Bewdley Museum

What sort of toys did our parents and grandparents play with? What were the very first ones made of and how have construction materials changed and developed?



The programme includes a handling session with sketching, as well as the chance to play with replica favourites. Simple vocabulary labelling exercise can be an option as well.

Famous People Florence Nightingale

Presented by 'DISCOVER HISTORY'

Come to the museum to hear at first hand how Florence Nightingale revolutionised the care of casualties during the Crimean war.... and experience handling reproduction artefacts to bring this famous nurse alive!

Orchards and Fruit

Presented by Bewdley Museum

Orchards of the past...restoring and planting new orchards... orchards of the future.

In this exciting, environment-based programme, pupils learn about orchards and fruit picking in bygone eras and investigate the reasons for the disappearance of many orchards throughout both the region, and countrywide. There will also be opportunities for visiting a newly planted orchard, finding out about the diversity of plants and wildlife associated with it as well as:



using creative skills to make a mini beast or fruit design from clay and other natural materials.

Create your own day out

Choose from the following options

Hands-on participation activities

- **Rope making** - a unique full group session linking with Bewdley's former river trades.
- **Brass rubbing** - exciting sessions using replica Medieval brasses.
- **Working with clay** - themed to suit your needs.

Demonstration activities

- **Clay pipe making** - see how the Bewdley manufacturers made clay pipes with traditional tools.
- **Pewter Casting, Besom brooms, Brick making** - learn about the specialist techniques involved in these locally employed traditional crafts.

Exploration time

- **Discover our museum site** - a self-guided tour. Why not use the opportunity to sketch the historic Butchers' Shambles, the herb and water garden, or our many displays of artefacts.



Please phone to arrange the timetable for your day. **Price will depend upon content, but we try to keep costs to a minimum.**

Resource materials/project support

A wide range of resource materials, suitable for all Key Stages, are available upon request to support your projects, either through complementing a special activities session or for a general visit.

Loans boxes

We are currently developing a number of Loans boxes which will feature objects from our collections, photographs, information and suggested activities. Please ring to find out whether we can assist you.



Information and bookings - Prior booking is essential for all group visits.

- Preliminary site tours and risk assessments are available on request.
- The majority of our programmes can be adapted to suit both Special Needs and Gifted and Talented groups.
- Outreach sessions are available. Please contact us to discuss your needs.

Please contact Sue Duffield - Education Officer (9:00am - 4.30pm Mon-Fri)

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