

EVENTS FOR SCHOOLS, NORWICH CASTLE

The Mystery of Prehistory (From the Neolithic Period to the Iron Age)

Norwich Castle, Key Stage 2, max group size 120, £5 per pupil

A led museum activity. 10am to 2pm, with a break for lunch.

The event comprises three led activities and one self-led activity: meeting costumed characters from the past, handling objects from the collections, a craft activity, and a teacher-led trail.

An archaeologist tells pupils about his work and invites pupils to help sort through some genuine Neolithic tools. The pupils learn about daily life 6000 years ago and find out how Neolithic people at the time came to live in settled communities.

Pupils also meet a Bronze Age Celt and look at advances in textiles during the Bronze and Iron Ages. There is a textile-based craft activity and children make an object to take home with them. The teacher-led trail looks at how life changed from the Neolithic to the Iron Age.

“Pupils enjoyed the visit and learnt so much especially from using the artefacts.” yr 3/4 teacher

“This has given them the enthusiasm and great ideas to start this topic.” KS2 teacher

Aims and learning outcomes

- Inspire pupils’ curiosity about the past and equip them to ask perceptive questions, think critically, weigh evidence, sift arguments and develop perspective and judgement.
- Raise awareness of how we find out about the past.
- Engage children with museum objects as sources of inspiration, knowledge and exploration.
- Expand children’s understanding of ancient belief systems and culture.
- Develop understanding of the “changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age”.

Bookings

Advance booking is essential.

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