

Information for Teachers

Dig It!

KS2 Session at Flag Fen



Flag Fen is recognised as the finest Bronze Age archaeological site in northern Europe. This 'Dig It!' full day school session celebrates the role in archaeology as a way of finding out about the past and understanding a different way of life.



Be an Archaeologist

In our indoor simulated archaeological dig, pupils will use a variety of excavation tools and techniques to dig and record genuine archaeological finds. Through the experience, they will find out more about archaeology and the role of the archaeologist. In their discoveries, they will learn how to interpret evidence, develop their understanding of chronology and get an insight into life in the past.

Please note that we use clean, shredded recycled rubber in our dig pits. The rubber reacts in the same way as soil, but creates an obviously much cleaner and healthier environment to work in.

With Upper KS2 students we introduce the concept of stratigraphy – a principle process of archaeology.

Prehistoric Society – a guided tour of the Flag Fen site

As you explore the site with our knowledgeable guides, discover how our ancestors used natural materials for food, medicine and to make things. What evidence is there of how people managed the changing landscape? Look carefully at a reconstructed Bronze Age roundhouse. Step inside - what does it tell us about past lives? See the Must Farm boats - 8 Bronze and Iron Age log boats being conserved – as featured in the British Museum's 'Teaching History with 100 Objects' <http://teachinghistory100.org/>.

Prehistoric Culture – experiencing traditional storytelling

Get cosy in our Bronze Age roundhouse and enjoy a traditional prehistoric story. Please note that at present, the roof of the Iron Age roundhouse is undergoing emergency repair.



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 Peterborough Museum, Flag Fen and Longthorpe Tower
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National curriculum links: English, History, Science.

Learning objectives:

Participating in this ‘Dig It!’ day, pupils will:

- develop a chronological understanding of the changes in Britain from the Bronze Age to Roman period.
- gain historical understanding in relation to how we find out about the past through experimental archaeology and the use of primary sources.
- understand historical concepts such as significance; continuity and change; cause and consequence and similarity and difference.
- show an understanding that science is, and always has been used in the real world.
- make inferences from evidence.

Other information:

Duration:	Full day: 10 am–2 pm.
Cost:	£195 (Peterborough City Council schools) / £215 (other schools). If there are less than 20 pupils: £180 (Peterborough City Council schools) / £200 (other schools).
Maximum group size:	Maximum number per group is 30 and the site can accommodate up to three groups at any one time.
Recommended ratio:	Minimum 1 adult to 8 students.
What to bring:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suitable outdoor clothing for predicted weather.
Booking information:	To book, please contact us by phone or email. When the activities and date are agreed, a booking form and risk assessment is emailed to you. To confirm the visit we ask that you complete the booking form and email it back to us.
A note about behaviour:	School staff have overall responsibility for the behaviour of their pupils and we expect you to support Flag Fen staff with this where necessary. As you know, pupils benefit significantly when school adults also get involved in the workshops so please join in where appropriate.
Pre-visits:	We welcome and encourage pre-visits as it will give you an opportunity to meet a member of the Flag Fen Education Team; familiarise yourself with the site; go through the risk assessment, format of the day and activities and discuss any further needs. Please note that we accept that there may be a need to bring along dependent children, if this is the case, please advise us in advance. Additional adults and children and additional time on site will be chargeable at the normal visitor rate on the day of the pre-visit.

*“Our children really enjoyed the experience. It reinforced what they have been taught in school.”
 (Teacher at Woodvale Primary Academy)*

*“The teaching was excellent and the staff are very knowledgeable, the organisation was very good too.”
 (Teacher at Abbotsweld School)*



We are happy to tweak the sessions according to your needs.