



Information for EYFS practitioners

Fledglings for Early Years

at Flag Fen

Fledglings for Early Years provides outdoor learning opportunities to explore, engage with and understand the natural world. Through interactive storytelling, nature play, music, puppetry and more, the sessions provide opportunities for building positive relationships, developing imagination, physical development, expression, and increasing confidence outdoors. Set in the Forest School area of an internationally significant archaeological site, we aim to bring the wonders of nature alive and utilise the positive effects of learning in nature's playground.



There are three options to choose from:



The Colours of Nature

Explore nature's rainbow in this colourful adventure with

Billy the blackbird and his friends. Become part of an interactive story exploring themes of difference and acceptance. Create your own natural rainbow from scavenged materials, explore themes of conservation and environmental responsibility by making bird friendly feeders as well as other nature themed opportunities for directed play.

Woodland Friends

Join Harry the hedgehog on his quest for new spikes, get crafty with natural materials to create your own hedgehog, explore habitats, identify bugs for the hedgehog's breakfast and much more woodland play opportunities.



Nature's Orchestra

This sensory experience includes the opportunity to create your own natural instruments and join the woodland orchestra in an interactive story, "Don't wake Badger". Children will learn to listen to the environment, explore music, rhythm and develop creativity and expression through this symphony of fun and learning.





EYFS links: The activities and experiences cover all seven areas of learning.

Learning objectives:

By participating in these sessions children will:

- learn about and make sense of the natural world.
- learn to identify animals, plants and their characteristics.
- explore how to use nature creatively and imaginatively, using a variety of natural materials
- express ideas, share thoughts and feelings, and work with others.



Stay the day?

The cost of the Fledglings activity includes admission to the whole Flag Fen site so you are welcome to extend your stay. For example:

- Enjoy a themed trail around the site.
- Have a picnic in the tranquillity of the beautiful Bronze Age landscape. We have picnic blankets that you can borrow.
- Imagine living in Bronze Age Peterborough as you sit inside a replica log boat.
- Step inside a Bronze Age roundhouse.
- Take part in additional Flag Fen led-activities such as pond dipping and activities in our dig tent for an additional charge. Please discuss options with us.



Other information:

Duration:	Each session lasts 90 minutes and runs from either 10am- 11:30am or 1pm- 2.30pm.
Cost:	£120 for a group of up to 30 children, per session. This includes supporting adults at a ratio of 1:6.
Maximum group size:	Maximum number per group is 30, plus 6 supporting adults. We can only accommodate one group per session. Please contact us if you would like to bring more children and/or adults.
Recommended ratio:	Minimum 1 adult to 6 children (1:6)
What to bring:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suitable outdoor clothing for predicted weather, including enough layers, hats, gloves and sun protection if necessary. We will be outside no matter the weather unless it is deemed unsafe. • There are no tea or coffee facilities at Flag Fen for teachers. You may therefore wish to bring a flask or cold drink (to drink at the appropriate time of course!)
Booking information:	To book, please contact us by phone on 01733 846700/706 or email vivacityforschools@vivacity.org. 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. An invoice is sent after the visit.
A note about behaviour:	Members of the school/nursery staff have overall responsibility for the behaviour of the children and we expect you to support Flag Fen staff with this where necessary. Clear expectations of behaviour are stated as part of the H&S. Adult participation with the group activities is necessary.
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.
Queries?	Contact us at: Vivacityforschools@vivacity.org or telephone: 01733 864 706 / 700