

## Information for Teachers

# Exploring Prehistoric Life

### KS2 Session at Flag Fen

Flag Fen is recognised as the finest Bronze Age archaeological site in northern Europe. Travel back 3,500 years to discover what life was like for our prehistoric ancestors. Excite the imagination and bring the past to life with this 'Exploring Prehistoric Life' school session. There are four activities with this full day session.



#### Prehistoric Handling – real and replica prehistoric artefacts

Pupils will examine the various source of evidence for life in Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age Britain. During the enquiry-based activity they will describe, analyse, compare, identify and discover what these objects tell us about the past: specifically prehistoric people and its landscapes. Experiencing this activity is a great way of getting up close to genuine archaeological artefacts and to learn more about what everyday life was like in the past.

#### Prehistoric Craft

Pupils will make their own pot inspired by pre-historic originals. They will use the types of tools and materials available in pre-history to decorate their pots. Alternatively, they can make a clay roundhouse model.



#### 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? Recent discoveries at the Must Farm archaeological site are interwoven into this session and 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.



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**National curriculum links:** English, History, Art, Science.

### Learning objectives:

**Participating in this ‘Exploring Prehistoric Life’ day, pupils will:**

- develop a chronological understanding of the changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age.
- 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:

<b>Duration:</b>	Full day: 10 am–2:15 pm.
<b>Cost:</b>	£200 (Peterborough City Council schools) / £220 (other schools) per group. Minimum charge for school groups of less than 20 students: £180
<b>Maximum group size:</b>	Maximum number per group is 30 and the site can accommodate up to three groups at any one time.
<b>Recommended ratio:</b>	Minimum 1 adult to 10 students.
<b>What to bring:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suitable outdoor clothing for predicted weather.</li> <li>• Boxes to transport craft back to school.</li> </ul>
<b>Booking information:</b>	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.
<b>A note about behaviour:</b>	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.
<b>Pre-visits:</b>	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.