

Arts and Heritage Learning

Providing hands-on and engaging learning experiences for EYFS, primary and secondary school pupils.



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Hello!

Arts and Heritage Learning offer a unique learning experience to schools across different learning venues in North Lincolnshire:



North Lincolnshire Museum

North Lincolnshire Museum is a step back in time through fascinating hands-on displays. Learn about some of North Lincolnshire's amazing objects and stories.



Normanby Hall Country Park, including Normanby Hall, Normanby Park and the Rural Life Museum.

Normanby Hall is a stunning Regency mansion, set in an idyllic 300 acre estate in the heart of North Lincolnshire. As well as the Hall, Rural Life Museum, Gift Shop, Stableyard Café and playgrounds, enjoy historical woodland and a leisurely stroll around our Victorian Walled Garden.



20-21 Visual Arts Centre

20-21 Visual Arts Centre is housed in the former St. John's Church building in Church Square, Scunthorpe. Since the gallery's doors first opened in 2001 we have developed a reputation for offering a varied and exciting exhibition programme of contemporary art, craft and design.

How does it all work?

Get in touch with us! Start by planning your trip in advance by arranging a teacher's pre-visit with our Schools Business Support Officer. You can see our amazing collections and exhibitions, meet our learning team and design a visit that suits you and your class. You can pick any of the following experiences:



A self-guide visit - explore our venues at your own pace. You can make use of the interesting exhibitions and objects on display to complement your current topics at school.


A curriculum workshop - led by a specialist Learning Assistant, pick an engaging workshop that best suits your objectives and outcomes. The majority of our workshops are available throughout the year with access to exclusive areas in the venues. Admission to venue is included in the workshop price.

An outreach workshop - let us bring the learning to you. We offer a number of outreach workshops packed full of real and replica objects for students to explore in school.

Why book with us?

- EYFS, Key Stages 1 and 2 school workshops held in a museum, historic venue or contemporary gallery.
- Sandford Award 2023 recipient for quality heritage education programmes.
- Hands-on learning with real and replica objects.
- Options for full or half day workshops available.
- We can accommodate more than one class at a time making the most of your coach hire.
- Immersive learning experiences with characters such as Mrs Harding, Helga the Viking or Julia the Roman.
- SEN explorer bags and visual stories available specifically created for schools.
- Competitive pricing.
- A dedicated Schools Business Support Officer on hand to book with confidence.
- A space for lunch is available.
- Easy coach drops off and pick up locations.


CURRICULUM KEY


Science 

Art 

Literacy 


PE 


History 

Design and
Technology 

Geography 

PSHE 


Numeracy 

Outreach 




Indoors at Normanby Hall Country Park

EFYS / KS1 / KS2 Victorian Washday Blues

Curriculum links: 

Dress up in period clothes and use original dolly tubs, mangles and irons to discover what washday was like during the Victorian period.

EFYS / KS1 / KS2 Domestic Staff Required

Curriculum links: 

Meet Mrs Harding, housekeeper at the Hall, handle artefacts and see if you have what it takes to become a Victorian domestic servant.



KS2 Bright Ideas

Curriculum links:   

Pupils will be challenged to design a lamp for the 4th Baronet's reading chair. Pupils will handle a range of historical artefacts linked to lighting, placing them in chronological order and mapping development in technology.

Outdoors at Normanby Hall Country Park

EYFS / KS1 A Bug's Life

Curriculum links: 


Pupils will have a unique opportunity to explore the diverse range of habitats to be found at Normanby Hall Country Park.

KS2 Habitats

Curriculum links:  

Collect and observe a variety of mini-beasts in the woods and grassland of the Park using scientific equipment. Examine your discoveries and learn more about the need to protect the environment.

KS1 / KS2 Pond Dipping

Curriculum links: 

Investigate pond habitats by catching, examining and recording mini-beasts from the lake in this hands-on workshop.

KS2 Science in the Garden

Curriculum links: 


Work in the garden to conduct scientific experiments to learn about soil, growing conditions and plants.

KS1 / KS2 Woodland Detectives

Curriculum links:  

Explore sounds and habitats in the woodland of Normanby Park. Be a tree detective and learn about the plants and animals in the woodland habitat in this hands-on interactive workshop.

KS1 Changing Seasons

Curriculum links: 

Exploring the changes in the seasons and how it affects the plants and animals around Normanby Hall Country Park.



Outdoors at Normanby Hall Country Park

EYFS / KS1

Storytelling in the Woodland



Curriculum links: 

Stimulate the senses and use your imagination in our magical storytelling area. Use our bespoke artistic creations and be inspired by the natural environment to share and communicate your ideas to the class.



KS1 / KS2

Stone Age and Early Cultures

Curriculum links:    

This workshop consists of two elements and can be done as a half day or a full day.


Stone Age Shelter building – discover how to survive 5000 years ago by building a shelter to protect against the elements. Hunter and Gatherers – discover what life was like for Stone Age people through object handling, role play and experimental archaeology.

Tag on forestry activities such as shelter building or fire lighting for a full day's adventure! Ask our Schools Business Support Officer for more details.

Rural Life Museum at Normanby Hall Country Park

KS1 / KS2

Rural Life and Times

Curriculum links: 

Discover more about local farming during the Victorian period in this hands-on and engaging workshop. Handle real farming equipment and visit our replica village and cottage.



KS2

Axles and Wheels

Curriculum links:   

Explore the many examples of farm vehicles in the Rural Life Museum then create mock-ups of wheel and axle mechanisms. Using this as inspiration, pupils will then design and create their own toy farm vehicle.


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KS2

The Mystery of Prehistory


Curriculum links: 

Investigate mysterious local finds and handmade replicas to discover how the people of North Lincolnshire developed through the prehistoric period.



KS2

Anglo Saxons Lost Kingdom


Curriculum links: 

Meet Ethelfreda and discover the art and culture of the Anglo Saxons in Britain. Examine evidence from a local Anglo Saxon burial site, handle real and replica artefacts and dress up as an Anglo Saxon. Children will also make their own illuminated letter.



KS2

The Vikings!

Curriculum links: 

Meet the Viking Helga. She will share a range of replica Anglo-Saxon and Viking weaponry and encourage children to consider which would have been the more effective in battle.

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KS2

The Romans

Curriculum links:

Meet Julia, our Roman lady from Winterton Villa. Pupils will make comparisons between life in the Iron Age and Roman periods and enhance their investigative skills through archaeological sorting and examining evidence from Winterton Villa. A visit to a Roman market stall will develop an enthusiasm for weird and wonderful Roman foods, including dormice!



KS2

Linking the Localities

Curriculum links:

A local history workshop that provides pupils with evidence for a study of the local area prehistory onwards. Pupils will explore primary and secondary resources as they delve into their local area's past and will learn how technological changes from prehistory to the present day are reflected in the locality. Ask our Schools Business Support Officer about booking a visit to the Appleby Frodingham Railway Tour.



KS2

Sherlock Bones

Curriculum links:

Meet Sherlock Bones our museum detective! Children will learn enquiry skills to uncover the identity of the skeleton discovered in our mock 'burial site'. After removing artefacts and remains from the site, children will have a chance to explore skeletal remains around the museum and use their understanding of the human body and close observation of the remains to find out more about the background of an individual.

20-21 Visual Arts Centre

KS1 / KS2

Take it Away Clay

Curriculum links:   

Explore sculpture, materials and techniques with our art handling collection. Then create your own individual art work in clay. This workshop can be adapted to respond to our exhibitions or your own topic.

KS2



Popping Portraits

Curriculum links:   

Use a variety of printing techniques to create your own individual portrait which lends itself to an eye-catching class display. Learn about Pop Art and the legacy it had on contemporary art and culture.

EYFS Nocturnal

Animals and Habitats

Curriculum links:    

This workshop encourages children to act out an owl inspired story using a range of props, use their artistic skills to create an owl mask and finally investigate other nocturnal animals.

KS2

Shadow Puppet Theatre

Curriculum links:   

Explore the science of light and host your own performance based on your chosen story – either a set text or something brand new. Create your characters and make them come to life through movement and shadows.

KS2

Blue Abyss

Curriculum links:  

This workshop focuses on investigating properties of oil and water based mediums. Children will work on their own underwater themed artwork, using Paul Klee's fish paintings as inspiration.



20-21 Visual Arts Centre

Would you like to explore another technique, artist or subject? Our team can develop a creative workshop to meet your own learning outcomes. Get in touch for more details.

Exhibition linked workshops

Why not combine a visit to our exhibitions with a specially devised workshop and get a deeper understanding of how artists work, bring a sketch book and prepare to be inspired.

Find out more about our exhibitions here:
www.2021visualartscentre.co.uk/exhibitions/

At 20-21 we also offer:

- Talks and guided tours
- Short craft activities in the gallery
- Artist-led specialist workshops

For your school we offer:

- Arts Mark and Arts Award support
- Whole school or targeted creative projects
- An exhibition space available for schools to display their artworks.

CPD available!

Our specialist Arts Learning Team provide CPD sessions covering textiles, watercolour, clay and sculpture, printing, and drawing. If you would like to know more, get in touch with us on

artsandheritagelearning@northlincs.gov.uk


or call our Schools Business Support Officer on **01724 296039**




Learning in the classroom

Let us bring the learning to you.

Outreach


We offer a number of outreach workshops, led by an engaging character, packed full of real and replica objects for students to explore in school. The workshops with the  icon can be delivered in schools as outreach.

Egyptian Life and Times

Curriculum links: 


Use all your senses to experience Egyptian life and times. Handle replica artefacts, identify and select items for a tomb and mummify a body.

Toy Story

Curriculum links: 

Investigate toys through the ages from the Tudor period to the modern day in this hands-on session. Discover through playing with the toys what they are made of and how they work.

Florence Nightingale

Curriculum links: 

Florence Nightingale will visit your school, bringing along her special travelling trunk full of curious things linked to her time spent in Scutari Hospital. She will invite children to join her in re-enacting her arrival in the Crimea, with help from soldiers, orderlies, nurses and cooks.

Loans Box Service

The loans collection consists of over 3,000 real and replica objects. Please enquire if there is something specific you require, as we may be able to put it together for you. You can borrow a box for a half term and order them at any point during the term.

Get in touch to find out more:

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Themes include:

- Toys
- Romans
- Ancient Greeks
- Mayans and Ancient Civilizations
- Living Memory
- The Three Ages
(Stone, Bronze and Iron Age box)
- Great Fire of London
- Victorians

Booking

The number of adults that we require varies with each workshop, so please ask when you book your visit.

Once you have booked, you will receive a resource pack for your chosen workshop with your booking confirmation. This includes information about your workshop, risk assessments and suggested activities for after your visit.

SEND Groups: Sensory bags are available to make learning fun for all students. Our school's visual story can help with any pre-visit information and are available when booking your workshop. Our experienced Learning Assistants can work with you to adapt any of our workshops meeting your students' requirements. Please get in touch to discuss how we can help.

For more information or to discuss bookings please email: artsandheritagelearning@northlincs.gov.uk or call our Schools Business Support Officer on **01724 296039**.

