

Home sweet home...

Exploring Habitats at KS1



CEES at Burwell House

If requested a "mix & match" programme of learning activities from different day courses may be selected.

At KS1 & 2, CEES Day Course themes at Stibbington Centre, Burwell House, Wisbech Castle and Vine House Farm include:

Science

Exploring the environment
Rocks & soils
Energy & renewables
Habitats & food chains
Plants & minibeasts
Crime Scene Investigation

Geography

Maps, trails & treasure
Weather & climate
Exploring a locality
Rivers & water

History

Romans Vikings
Victorians WWI
WWII Evacuation

Art & design

Eco Art & the environment

English & maths

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Day Course Information:

Curriculum focus - Science

Aims

- ✓ To observe living things in their habitats and treat them with care and sensitivity
- ✓ To discover that there are different kinds of plants and animals in different habitats and make predictions, including the effects of seasonal change
- ✓ To identify living things
- ✓ To learn about the needs of living things and construct a simple food chain

Programme

The actual programme may vary depending on the number and needs of pupils, length of visit and weather conditions on the day.

Welcome

A CEES teacher will welcome your group to the Centre. An illustrated talk emphasising the basic needs of life will be used to introduce the day.

Morning

- Discover habitats in the grounds of Burwell House and investigate the needs of living things
- Explore pond, grassland, hedgerow and woodland habitats to find the creatures that like to live there, identify them and observe how they are suited to their environment.
- Construct an animal shelter

Afternoon

- Search for worms and learn about camouflage.
- Create a simple food chain.
- Make a minibeast from head to tail using natural materials, clay and/or your body!
- Play environmental games to reinforce the basic needs of different kinds of animals

Review

Prior to departure there will be an opportunity to review and reflect on the day.

Risk management

See separate "Guidance notes for safe and effective Day Courses"

Supervision: For this Day Course our recommended adult:pupil ratio for safety is 1:6 in 4 pre-arranged working groups

Weather conditions: CEES teachers are aware of daily weather forecasts and may adjust programmes depending on weather conditions on the day. See separate guidance on outdoor clothing and footwear.

Site conditions: CEES teachers will assess site conditions and draw attention to any risks. Fieldwork will not be carried out where any kind of water pollution is suspected. Pupils with cuts or abrasions will be given protective gloves before working near water. Pupils will be instructed to wash hands thoroughly after working with water.

Equipment: Instructions are given on the safe use of all equipment.