

Veni, vidi, didici...

I came, I saw, I learned – A Roman experience



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

Map skills & location
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 - History and Latin at KS2

‘Romanisation’ of Britain: East Anglian focus

Aims

- ✓ To develop an understanding of Roman settlement in Britain, through archaeological and historical evidence.
- ✓ To use role play to empathise with people from Roman times.
- ✓ To become familiar with selected Latin words.
- ✓ To learn about aspects of social and cultural life in Roman times
- ✓ To ask and answer questions about life in Roman Britain, using appropriate vocabulary.

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 Burwell House. An introductory presentation will focus on the growth of the Roman Empire and how continued archaeological work develops our understanding of Roman times.

Morning

Pupils will adopt the role of apprentice Roman auxiliary soldiers. They will be divided into ‘cohorts’ and will be issued with Roman tunics and Roman names. Each cohort will be led by a ‘signifer’ (standard bearer). Marching practice will take pupils outside, where each cohort will tackle a number of Roman challenges, including chariot racing.

Afternoon

This is a workshop session with a variety of practical activities related to Roman times, including: identifying, examining and sketching Roman artefacts; preparing a Roman delicacy; writing sums in Roman numerals using wax tablets; and decorating a clay tile, inspired by Roman mosaics.

Review

Prior to departure a rousing chorus of ‘Ardeat Roma’ will be followed by a chance to 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 1:8 in pre-arranged working groups.

Site conditions: CEES teachers will draw attention to any relevant risks.

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.

Equipment: Instructions are given on the safe use of all equipment. Pupils are closely supervised by adults at all times.