



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

... outdoors

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Day Course Information:

Warriors and settlers . . . A Viking Experience at KS2

Curriculum focus - History

A depth study of Viking invaders and settlers

Aims

- ✓ To ask and answer questions about Vikings using appropriate vocabulary.
- ✓ To create Viking-style artefacts using a variety of materials.
- ✓ To understand Viking legends and customs.
- ✓ To experience aspects of social and cultural life in Viking times.

Programme

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

Welcome

On arrival a CEES teacher will welcome your group to Burwell House and describe the day's programme. A brief presentation will then be used to introduce or re-visit the Vikings, including who they were, where they came from and why they came to Britain.

Morning

Young Vikings are given a series of challenges to tackle in order to earn their rune stones which will gain them admission to the seasonal festival celebration at the end of the day. Activities may include making a Viking sword or axe, designing a model Viking boat in clay and, working as a team, overcoming obstacles and challenges to catch eels for the feast.

Afternoon

Leading up to the celebration the children will have an opportunity to practice their rowing skills and they will prepare snacks to share at the celebration. After deciphering their rune stones they will join the celebration where there will be Viking songs and dramatic presentations featuring the Viking gods.

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 1:8 in 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 draw attention to any relevant risks.

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

Unfamiliar surroundings: Pupils are made aware of safe standards of behaviour and are closely supervised by adults at all times.