

Deck the halls . . .

A Victorian Christmas experience at KS2



CEES at Stibbington Centre

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

To reduce travel costs it may be possible for 2 classes from the same school to follow 2 different courses on the same day.

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 and water

History

Romans Vikings
Victorians WW1
WW2 Evacuation

Art & design

Eco Art & the environment

English & maths

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Day Course Information:

Curriculum focus – History and Religious Education

An aspect of British history beyond 1066. A local study. Christian and pre-Christian traditions at Christmas

Aims

- ✓ To learn about the Christmas traditions and customs which were popularized during Victorian times and to compare them with Christmas today.
- ✓ To use role play to empathise with a child at Christmas in late Victorian times.
- ✓ To gain an appreciation of the natural environment in winter and the part it played in Christmas past.

Programme *When there are two classes the welcome will be common to both. Classes then separate and sessions A and B are interchangeable before and after lunch. The programme may vary depending on the number and needs of pupils, length of visit and weather conditions.*

Welcome

A CEES teacher will welcome your group to the Centre and describe the day's programme.

Session A

This role play session begins when the bell summons children to lessons in the period classroom. Here they find out about Victorian customs and traditions including Christmas stockings and Christmas cards. They will work at their 'Christmas Piece' using pen and ink. The session will also include a playtime using our large collection of reproduction toys.

Session B

Outside in Stibbington Centre's grounds, pupils will follow a Christmas Tree Trail to collect natural materials. These will be used to make table decorations, wreaths or tree decorations. Pupils will wassail and toast the apple tree to ensure a good crop, before returning to gather around the camp fire site where they will be able to safely observe a Yule Log being burnt, toast marshmallows and sing Christmas songs.

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.

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.

Fire site: A behaviour code for the fire site is carefully managed, with pupils seated on benches well away from the fire.