



Learning at Dinefwr Park 2018



Introduction

From the ancient woodlands and it's medieval past, to the beautiful Edwardian house and surrounding 800 acre estate, there's a lot to see and plenty to explore in Dinefwr.

The information in this document has been put together to help you plan your visit and to ensure you have an enjoyable day in Dinefwr.

How to book a visit

When you have identified a programme you would like to follow and have a date in mind for your visit, please get in touch with the learning team in Dinefwr who will be happy to help organise your visit.

Alternatively if you have any questions about our programmes or wish to discuss adjustments to fit in with your theme of work please contact us.

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Educational Group Membership (EGM): Does the school have an educational group membership (EGM)? If so please give us your membership number when filling in the booking form. If not then here's a link for you to read all about it:

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/educational-group-membership>

If you do not have a membership the cost of entry is £3 per child and £6 per adult as a group booking rate.

We charge £3 per child for led activities but you are welcome to come to Dinefwr on a self-led visit and do your own thing we just ask that you let us know and fill in a booking form before your visit. If you are interested in a self-led visit then here's a link to our activity booklets to give you some hints and ideas of what you can do here on the Dinefwr estate:

<https://hwb.gov.wales/resources/resource/eb50348b-113b-4e65-b306-d5c5dcb70f21/en>

Bug Hunting in Dinefwr



Foundation Phase

Myself and other living things:

- Identify some animals and plants that live in the outdoor environment

Key Stage 2

Interdependence of Organisms:

- Study through fieldwork, the plants and animals found in two contrasting local environments

This programme offers the opportunity to learn about habitats, food chains etc. It can be adapted for EYFS.

Pupils will:

- Use provided equipment to bug hunt in groups and record what they have spotted.
- Examine the type of habitats that are in Dinefwr and understand why they attract certain types of animals.
- Go on a Wildlife walk with our engagement ranger.

Before your visit:

- Your whole group will be split into 3 sub-groups – A, B & C. There should be at least one teacher or teaching assistant in each.
- Please ensure pupils and staff come wearing appropriate clothing and footwear (surfaces may be slippery, wet and dusty/dirty).

Activities:

Activity 1:

Bug Hunting: An hour long session hunting for bugs in our deer park woodland area. Bug hunting kits and tick sheets provided. A chance for the children to work independently/as a group and learn about the different insects we have and a woodland habitat.

Activity 2:

Bug Hotel Making: An hour long session aimed at creating your own bug hotel. Decorate your hotel and then choose different materials to appeal to specific bugs and take it home to hang in your garden.

Activity 3:

Wildlife Walk: An hour to explore the deer park via Brown's path. Learn all about our fallow deer, study a real antler, track a wild animal, hide inside a tree and learn about all the different animals that have made Dinefwr's NNR their home.

Schedule:

	10:00-11:00	11:00-12:00	12:00-13:00	13:00-14:00
A	Bug hunting	Wildlife Walk	LUNCH	Bug hotel making
B	Bug hotel making	Bug hunting	LUNCH	Wildlife Walk
C	Wildlife Walk	Bug hotel making	LUNCH	Bug hunting

Timings can vary depending on an early/late arrival due to circumstances.

Victorian Servant's Day



Key Stage 2

Historical knowledge and understanding:

- Identify differences between ways of life at different times

Historical Enquiry:

- Use a range of historical sources

Ask and answer questions:

- What was life like for rich and for poor people

This programme offers the children the opportunity to dress up in servants' costumes and learn about the life of a servant in the Victorian era through first person interpretation.

Pupils will:

- Partake in 4 different activities around the basement and the ground floor of Newton House using our period handling collection.
- Discover through activities and Q & A sessions the day to day duties of a Victorian Servant.
- Have a guided tour of the different rooms in Newton House while on the comparison activity or the Butler investigation.

Before your visit:

- Your whole group has been split into 4 sub-groups – A, B, C & D. There should be at least one teacher or teaching assistant in each.
- Please ensure pupils and staff come wearing appropriate clothing and footwear (surfaces may be slippery, wet and dusty/dirty).

- Some schools like to ask the pupils to come already dressed up in period costumes – *We do provide aprons and mop caps for the girls and green aprons for the boys to wear.*

Activities:

Activity 1:

Butler Investigation: Investigate the butler's room and handle artefacts to try and find out why the butler has his own room inside the basement of Newton House. Interview Mr Trussler the butler to find out why he is the highest paid member of staff at Newton House (activity sheet provided).

Activity 2:

Scent Bag Making: Use dried flowers and essential oils to create a lavender scent bag that you can take home to use.

Activity 3:

Polishing Cutlery: Help the servants by polishing some of the silver cutlery used by the Rice family.

Activity 4:

Comparison Activity: Using the activity sheet, look for the Victorian version of what we have in our homes today. Handle items around Newton House to help you understand the changes. Take pictures of the items you find on your school's ipad to take back to class for further investigation.

Schedule:

	10:00-10:30	10:30-11:00	11:00-11:30	11:30-12:00	12:00-13:00
A	BUTLER INVESTIGATION	SCENT BAG MAKING	POLISHING CUTLERY	COMPARISON ACTIVITY	LUNCH
B	SCENT BAG MAKING	POLISHING CUTLERY	COMPARISON ACTIVITY	BUTLER INVESTIGATION	LUNCH
C	POLISHING CUTLERY	COMPARISON ACTIVITY	BUTLER INVESTIGATION	SCENT BAG MAKING	LUNCH
D	COMPARISON ACTIVITY	BUTLER INVESTIGATION	SCENT BAG MAKING	POLISHING CUTLERY	LUNCH

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Castles and Princes



Foundation Phase

- Begin to identify differences between ways of life at different times

Key Stage 2

- Study the daily life of people living in the Age of the Princes

This programme offers the chance to have an audio-guided walk to the medieval castle, to learn about the Princes of Deheubarth and to dress up and act like Knights of Dinefwr through a competitive game.

Pupils will:

- Learn how Dinefwr Castle fits into the wider history of the 'Princes of Deheubarth' story through an audio-guided walk to the castle.
- Experience what it was like for knights to storm the castle through a 'Capture the Flag' game on Castle field.
- Enjoy the views while sketching the castle from the front field area of Dinefwr Park.

Before your visit:

- Your whole group has been split into 2 sub-groups – A & B. There should be at least one teacher or teaching assistant in each.
- Please ensure pupils and staff come wearing appropriate clothing and footwear (surfaces may be slippery, wet and dusty/dirty).
- Some school's like to ask the children to come dressed in period costumes – *We do provide knights & princess dressing up costumes and some props.*

Activities:

Activity 1:

Castle walk: A self-led walk to the castle using the audio-guides and signs for information.

Activity 2:

Sketching: Using the great views from the driveway area we will sketch the castle and the surrounding estate using clipboards and provided materials. Children can then take these with them.

Activity 3:

Storm the Castle: Using the 'Capture the Flag' game on our Castle field, group 1 will storm the castle while group 2 defends the flag and their honour. The groups will switch sides and play again.

Schedule:

	10:00-11:00	11:00-12:00	12:00-13:00	13:00-14:00
A	Castle Walk	Sketching	LUNCH	Storm the Castle
B	Sketching	Castle Walk	LUNCH	Storm the Castle

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