

BRIGANTIUM LIFE IN ROMAN BRITAIN

Unique living history services for schools:

Based at the Yorkshire Museum of Farming since 1992, Danelaw Living History Services offers a range of on-site or in-school services tailored to meet the needs of KS2 National Curriculum

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A hands-on activity day for school groups of up to 65 (and 4 adults free of charge). Led by two members of the Living history team, these days support study of life in Britain in the first-century. Arriving as new recruits drawn from a local Celtic tribe, the children will be taken to our turf and timber fort, issued with their uniforms and military equipment, and will experience first-hand the daily life of a Roman soldier. They will learn new skills and all about the discipline and team-work that made the Roman Army so formidable. See over page for further details.

Quality Badge awarded by



The Danelaw Centre for Living History, based at the Yorkshire Museum of Farming is proud to hold both the quality mark awarded by the Council For Learning Outside The Classroom (2009), and two prestigious Sandford Awards for Heritage Education (2010 and 2015), awarded by the Heritage Education Trust. Both these awards reflect the high quality learning experiences provided by the centre which in the words of the Sandford judges " ... succeed in bringing history to life, providing children with a memorable educational experience which will enrich their understanding of the past."

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Our Philosophy:

"I hear and I forget, I see and I remember, I do and I understand!" Based on this simple educational philosophy, the staff at Murton Park have gained an international reputation for providing educational and entertaining living history experiences for many thousands of children and teachers over the last 25 years.

About Your Visit:

A normal full day visit is deigned to run from 10am to 3pm (with a break for lunch), although timings can be tailored in advance to suit your requirements and circumstances.

Your visit to us will be led by two costumed members of the Living History team. The children will play the part of new recruits, perhaps experiencing life away from home, family and friends for the first time. On arrival you will be met by your Centurion. Their initial job will be to confirm the details of the day with the senior member of your staff. The children will be welcomed, shown to the toilets and given an initial safety briefing and orientation talk to set the scene for their day.

In groups, the children (and adults) will perform a variety of tasks in and around the turf and timber fort which has every facility required to make the visit as credible and realistic as possible. As well as group tasks, which include parade drill and marching practice under the direction of the Centurion, they will practice skills in small groups. These may include weapons training (Gladius and Javelin), guard duty, craft work and administrative tasks including completing application forms for the army. There will be opportunities to study the role of faith and religion in Roman society, and all recruits will receive a days pay for their work .

Emphasis is placed throughout the day on the use of role-play and scenarios to support the learning experience, and the children will have the opportunity to use period equipment and artefacts. They will take away anything they make and earn during the day.

General Information:

Site Facilities: There is ample car and coach parking available. There is a gift shop on site with a range of items at pocket money prices. Children may visit the shop at the end of the day, or alternatively pre-order items (please ask for further details).

Preparing for your visit: Children should wear sensible outdoor clothes and shoes or boots. To save time on the day, the children should be divided into 4 equal groups prior to the visit, unless you have a party of under 20 children, in which case please have them in 2 groups. One of your adult leaders must be assigned to supervise each group. Each group will be given their own barrack hut which will be their home for the day and where they will eat at lunch time.

Charges:

Full day cost £14.00 per child. A minimum fee may apply for small groups, please contact us for details.

Further information:

Copies of our in-house risk-assessment are available from our web site to support schools in their own safety planning and preparation. Please contact us for further details.

Please Note: Food is not provided so you will need to bring an appropriate packed lunch.