

# Prehistory: Life in the stone, bronze and iron ages

## 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 History covering a range of periods from the Celts to WWII.

Contact us for further details or to discuss your specific requirements.

## DANELAW CENTRE FOR LIVING HISTORY

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A hands-on activity day for school groups of up to 36 children, accompanied by 4 adults free of charge. Additional 1 to 1 carers are also free of charge. The day is based on a purpose built prehistoric settlement at our award winning centre. Led by a member of the Living History team, these days support the study of life in stone age, bronze age or iron age Britain. Arriving as new settlers, the children are given simple period costume and taken to their new round-house homes on their own settlement. Throughout their day they experience first-hand the daily life of a small community at the dawn of history. Working in the village or out in the fields, they learn new skills and all about the hard work and dangers that were part of daily life. This brand new activity day has been developed to meet the needs of the new national curriculum for history. 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 awarded by the Heritage Education Trust (2010 and 2015). 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 designed to run from 10am to 3pm (with a break for lunch), although half-day visits can be arranged and timings tailored in advance to suit your requirements and circumstances.

Your visit to us will be led by a costumed member of the Living History team who will remain with you throughout the day. The children will play the part of a tribe of pre-historic settlers, trying to make a new life for themselves and their families. On arrival you will be met at your bus by your host. 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.

The children will be formed into family groups and will taken to their houses on the settlement. The children (and adults) will perform a variety of tasks in and around the settlement which has every facility required to make the visit as credible and realistic as possible. As well as domestic tasks which may include house tidying, firewood collecting, grinding grain to make bread and making simple clay pots, the settlers will also have to learn about farming and hunting. The day will end back in the round house to compare their home with the home of a pre-historic settler.

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 handle and, where appropriate, use period equipment and artefacts. The children will also take away anything they make 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 a 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 3 groups. One of your adult leaders must be assigned to supervise each group.

**Charges:**

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

**Further information:**

Copies of our in-house risk-assessment and a range of supporting activity sheets are available in .pdf format on our website to support schools in safety planning, preparation and follow up to your visit. Please refer to our website or contact us for further details.