

Key stage
1 and 2
school
sessions

Learning at Tewkesbury Heritage Centre provides hands on curriculum focused activities and workshops for schools, which give pupils the chance to explore, discover and enjoy local heritage and history.

Pupils can experience life in Tewkesbury long ago and explore the restoration story of the heritage centre and its residents by using portable media player technology and interpretation.

Tours and visits can be adapted to the needs of your group but in addition we offer the following taught workshop sessions:

On the trail

History, Geography

Skills Focus: chronological understanding; historical enquiry; knowledge and understanding of places.

In this teacher-led trail around the heritage centre pupils will follow clues and images to discover more about Tewkesbury and this amazing building, past and present. Pupils will have the opportunity to discover more about Bartholomew Read, 17th century owner of the building, and uncover the secrets of the building and the lives of those who lived and worked in it through following the trail and using our interactive personal media players.

Tourism

History, Geography

Skills focus: map reading, understanding why tourism is important to the economic development of the area

Learn about how local shops and services have changed over the years and how tourism plays an important role in the future of the town. We will be using maps to identify places of interest and see how the transport links in the area have changed.

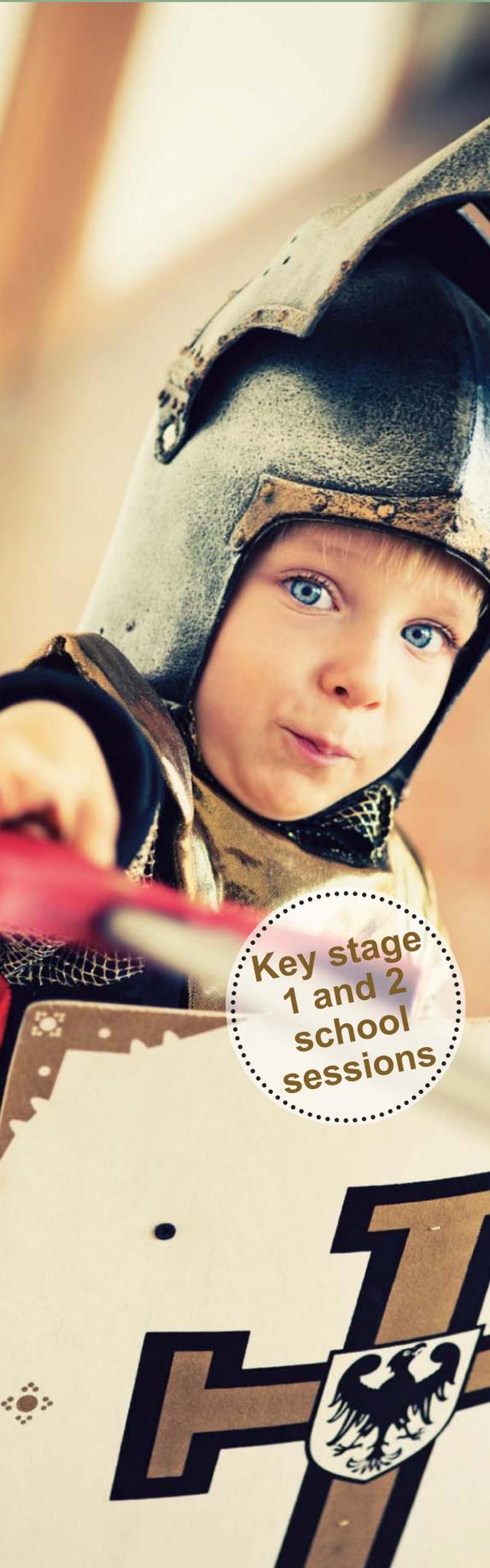
Workshop includes:-

- Designing your own futuristic map and guide of Tewkesbury.
- Team game on guessing the ages of retail businesses.
- Can you identify the different tourism brown signs?
- Design your own shop signs.

A children's Tewkesbury Explorer Trail is also available. Please ask a member of staff for details.



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Past times

History, Geography, English

Skills Focus: historical enquiry & interpretation; understanding people in the past; speaking and listening.

Discovering how we find out about local places and people in the past. Through period room settings and hands on activity, pupils will learn about interpreting evidence such as buildings, objects, pictures, photographs, inventories and wills to build up a picture of what life in the past was like in this Tewkesbury building. Using objects found during the restoration, together with sources of local information such as trade directories and maps, pupils will investigate how the surrounding area has changed over time. A chance to develop knowledge and understanding in evaluating evidence and exploring local history.

Rivers and Bridges

History, D&T, Geography

Skills Focus: exploring and discovering ideas. Understanding the development of the area.

This session will explain why people settled in Tewkesbury and how the Rivers Severn and Avon continue to play an important role in the towns history and development. Pupils will discover how rivers are formed, the development of canals and learn about the different types of bridges. Looking at flooding, the children will learn about how to create flood defences and which ones work best.

The session is very hands on and requires the children to do lots of experiments. They will also make their own suspension, arch or beam bridge, make and colour a narrowboat and follow a rivers trail around the building.

Visiting Tewkesbury Heritage Centre

Duration: Workshops last between 1 and 2 hours.

Cost : £2.50 per child with a workshop, teaching staff and parent helpers free.

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