

Hands-on Shakespeare and British History

Learning
Key Stage 2



Academic Year 2017-2018

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that bring Shakespeare and British History
to life in practical and creative ways.



Shakespeare
birthplace trust

The Shakespeare Birthplace Trust offers a diverse range of learning activities that bring Shakespeare and British history to life in practical and creative ways.

Our full and half-day workshops are accredited with the Sandford Award, ensuring quality, safe educational experiences for you and your pupils.

If you are studying any of the following themes we are confident that we can work with you to fulfil the requirements of the National Curriculum:

- William Shakespeare
- Tudors
- Rich drama and creative writing opportunities
- A local study
- Post 1066
- Romans or Saxons (Invaders and Settlers)

Our highly regarded hands-on courses offer inspiring and memorable experiences, adhering to and enhancing the National Curriculum, whilst enriching learning.

We will be happy to help you plan your visit, and offer free familiarisation visits to teachers.

We look forward to working with you.

***Nicola Hawley,
Sarah Fisher and the Team***



Our half day workshops



The Play's the Thing



Shakespeare's Family Homes

In this play-building workshop, children work with our **professional actors** to explore and assemble a **unique script** and help them to perform it.

- Bring Shakespeare's language to life by creating dramatic and musical contexts for his words.
- Explore and experience a range of dramatic theatre techniques.
- Work with a team of professional actors and have the opportunity to perform with them at one of our beautiful houses.
- Encounter unfamiliar vocabulary and gain confidence in inferring meaning from context.
- Demystify Shakespeare's language and perform extracts from a variety of play scripts.
- Learn about the narrative structure of a play.

This workshop includes a visit to Shakespeare's Birthplace.

£7.50 per pupil

Half day hands-on workshop

*Optimum capacity: One class
Maximum capacity: Two classes
(subject to room availability)*

Available: All year round



"Performing outside Shakespeare's Birthplace was something they'll never forget."

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

A Time and Place...



The Shakespeare Centre

Learning through **discovery** your children will become **archaeologists**. This session will capture the imaginations of children as they examine primary evidence to understand and interpret the past.

- Discover the amazing **Saxon** and **Roman** finds in our Collections
- Search archaeological residues and uncover evidence of food eaten through the ages
- Unearth artefacts in our dig boxes
- Connect artefacts and events in history using an interactive timeline
- Solve the mystery of grave goods and piece together the story behind the finds
- Take part in the Rot or Not Challenge
- Identify and examine real Saxon and Roman artefacts from our handling collection
- Visit the strong room where original artefacts are held
- Be a history detective.

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Our full day workshops



Rich Man, Poor Man

The Shakespeare Centre

Using clues from **original documents** and **artefacts** from our Collections, your children will become **history detectives** and solve the riddle about Thomas Lett's life.



- Address and devise historically valid questions using a range of sources
- Visit the strong room where original documents and artefacts are held
- Enjoy a carousel of historically related activities e.g. writing with quill pens, making seals, finding out about the plague, identifying mystery objects from the past and shopping with 'old money'!
- Handle real Elizabethan coins
- Visit Shakespeare's Birthplace and Hall's Croft
- Follow a town walk through Stratford-upon-Avon and investigate Tudor architecture
- Borrow our Loan Box for just £10 (includes replica historical artefacts and facsimile documents).

£9.50 per pupil

Full day hands-on workshop

*Optimum capacity: One class
Maximum capacity: Two classes
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Available: All year round



Tudors Alive!

Mary Arden's Farm

Children will spend the day as Tudors at Mary Arden's farm. This **living history** experience gives children a unique opportunity for **learning outside the classroom** at Mary Arden's Farm (the childhood home of William Shakespeare's mother).



- Wear replica period clothes
- Make bread
- Thresh corn
- Paint a wall hanging
- Dip candles
- Harvest vegetables
- Make lavender bags
- Meet the sheep and find out about the uses of wool
- Learn about Tudor falconry and see the birds of prey in action
- Enjoy Tudor music and dancing
- Experience housework Tudor style!

£12.50 per pupil

Full day hands-on workshop

*Optimum capacity: One class
Available: March to October*



"An excellent day! All the sessions were delivered with enthusiasm and great knowledge- to bring the Tudors ALIVE! Dressing up has a huge effect on children's enthusiasm for history. All brilliant and fun, I can't think of anything to improve on."

Coten End Primary!

Best Will in the World

The Shakespeare Centre

An **energetic workshop**, led by one of our experienced drama practitioners giving your pupils the best introduction to **enjoying** Shakespeare's works.

Choose between *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *The Tempest*. Plus a new play for 2017/18 – *Macbeth*.



- Explore the major themes of the play in a fun and interactive way
- Be immersed in the social and historical context of the play, the writer and the audience through 'hands on' access to original artefacts and documents from the Trust's extensive archive
- Take part in a practical demonstration in how make-up, stage effects, wigs and costume combine to enhance a play
- Work as an ensemble and in small groups to devise and perform scenes from the play
- Stage an abridged performance using original text, movement and music.

£12.50 per pupil

Full day hands-on workshop

Optimum capacity: One class

Available: All year round



"This trip is possibly the best I've been on in my 6 years as a teacher! The children loved it! Thank you so much!"

St John's Primary

"We thought it was absolutely brilliant and far exceeded our expectations. We all, as staff, have done many trips; this goes down as one of the very best."

Brockhampton Primary School

"An absolutely superb day! The children were fully enthused and engaged all day; a really stimulating day of Shakespeare."

Amesbury School



Introductory Talks

All About Shakespeare

The Shakespeare Centre

Everything you need to know about William Shakespeare in a 45-minute **illustrated talk**. These talks can be adapted to suit all ages.

£7.50 per pupil

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Available: All year round*

*Fee includes entry to
Shakespeare's Birthplace*

One member of staff (free of charge) required to accompany every ten children. Minimum charge equivalent to 20 pupils applies.

CPD

Helping you to give your pupils the best introduction to Shakespeare we run a half-day CPD workshop.

Please check our website for further dates, details and registration form.

Visit Shakespeare's Family Homes

Students can enjoy inspirational and educational visits to **any of Shakespeare's family homes** in and around Stratford-upon-Avon, with free downloadable resources to enhance their experience. See our website for further details or email: groups@shakespeare.org.uk

Preferential entrance rates to Shakespeare's Family Homes are available to UK schools when booking with a Learning workshop.

Shakespeare's Birthplace

Explore where genius was born

Mary Arden's Farm

The working Tudor Farm where Shakespeare's mother grew up
Closed from 31 October 2016 - 17 March 2017

Anne Hathaway's Cottage & Gardens

Family home of Shakespeare's wife

Hall's Croft

Jacobean home of Shakespeare's daughter, Susanna

Shakespeare's New Place

Walk in Shakespeare's footsteps at the site of his final home.

For more information and to make a booking please contact our Learning Team.

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