



Mary Arden's House

Palmer's Farmhouse

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| 1 Rickyard | 16 Apothecary's garden |
| 2 Wood crafts | 17 Pig sty |
| 3 Stage | 18 Goat hovel |
| 4 Great barn | 19 Archery range |
| 5 Tudor farmyard | 20 Ferret hall |
| 6 Cow byre | 21 Wheelwright and cooper display |
| 7 Dovecote | 22 Harvest barn |
| 8 Palmer's farmhouse | 23 Picnic ground and children's play area |
| 9 Pig sty & hen house | 24 Ant hills |
| 10 Bread oven and privy | 25 Willow tunnels |
| 11 Tudor herb garden | 26 Wild flower meadow walk |
| 12 Falconer's field & animal display area | 27 Animal hovel |
| 13 Tudor vegetable garden | 28 Picnic shelter |
| 14 Tudor wash area | 29 Cafe |
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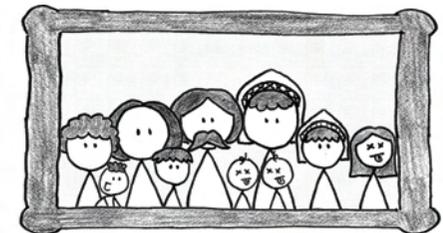
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'DISCOVER'

Mary Arden's Farm

Pupil's Booklet *Questions*

Be a detective!
Find out what life
would have been like
for the people who lived
in this house.



The Parents' Bedroom

Green Can you see some holes drilled into the top of the bed frame? What do you think these were used for?

Blue Hmm... the doorway into the steward's bedroom isn't very high. Why is this?

The Stewards' Bedroom

Red Look on the table for a small pot with some sand in it near the quills and paper. What do you think Tudors might have used the sand for?

William would have written his plays using a quill.



The Kitchen



Amazing Fact! – People in Tudor times were very superstitious. The fairy plate in the kitchen would have had food and drink on it as well as flowers. The family would have put the plate in front of the fire when they went to bed!

Blue On the table just inside the door is a spice chest. This was an important possession and would have been kept locked when not being used. Why do you think this was?

Red Can you find a semi-circular metal cover in the fireplace? This is called a curfew and it was used to cover the embers of the fire at night. Families had to cover the embers at night by law. Why was doing this so important?

Purple On the left hand wall of the fireplace is a hanging wooden salt box. Why do you think the Tudors would have placed the salt box here?

Orange Several of the pans in the kitchen have long handles. What do you think might be the reasons for this?

Green Find two places in the kitchen where firewood is stored. Why do you think the Palmers might have kept some firewood inside?



The Hall

Amazing Fact! – Forks used for eating were very rare in Tudor times. The most common utensil was a spoon (made of wood, horn, pewter, silver or gold – depending on how wealthy you were) and people would carry their spoon and knife around with them!

Blue Some of the window frames in here are original and some were added later. Which frames are the original windows and what is the evidence to support this?

Red Crouch down in front of the fireplace and look up just above the height of the beam. Why are the walls of the chimney black inside? Please take care not to bump your head.

Purple Look at the wattle and daub panel (on the side of the wall near the Parlour). Which materials can you see mixed up in the daub?

Orange There are a number of candlesticks in the room. Why do you think that candles were so commonly used in Tudor times?

Green Find the 'gossip stool'. Why would the two people sit facing in opposite directions?



Amazing Fact! – Beds were very expensive pieces of furniture (a teacher's salary was about £20 per year and a bed would cost £8-10). If you could afford one, you put your 'best bed' (that would be used for guests) in the Parlour of your home. This would show all of your friends and neighbours that you were wealthy enough to afford a bed for your guests as well as for your family. Beds were often passed down in families in the will.

Although you are going to look in every room, your group will not have a question for each one (because some of the entrances are very narrow and it would be difficult for you all to look at the same time). Check carefully to see where your group's question is.

The Dairy / Buttery

Purple Find some containers with poles sticking out of the top. What do you think they might have been used for? (Remember – this is the dairy.)

The Parlour

Orange Why do you think that this 'best bed' had a canopy and curtains?

