

Life on the Home Front . . .

The First World War at KS2



CEES at Stibbington Centre

If requested a "mix & match" programme of learning activities from different day courses may be selected.

To reduce travel costs it may be possible for 2 classes from the same school to follow 2 different courses on the same day.

At KS1 & 2, CEES Day Course themes at Stibbington Centre, Burwell House, Wisbech Castle and Vine House Farm include:

Science

Exploring the environment
Rocks & soils
Energy & renewables
Habitats & food chains
Plants & minibeasts
Crime Scene Investigation

Geography

Map skills & location
Weather & climate
Exploring a locality
Rivers and water

History

Romans Vikings
Victorians WW1
WW2 Evacuation

Art & design

Eco Art & the environment

English & maths

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Day Course Information:

Curriculum focus – History

An aspect of British history beyond 1066. A local study.

Aims

- ✓ To use role play to empathise with a child at school in 1914.
- ✓ To recognize, describe, handle and use safely artefacts and toys from the early 20th century.
- ✓ To interpret historical evidence from non-documentary sources.
- ✓ To understand the impact of the First World War on children.

Programme *When there are two classes the welcome will be common to both. Classes then separate and sessions A and B are interchangeable before and after lunch. The programme may vary depending on the number and needs of pupils, length of visit and weather conditions.*

Welcome

A CEES teacher will welcome your group to the Centre, set the scene for the day's activities and describe the programme.

Session A

When the bell summons them to lessons in the period classroom, pupils take on the role of real children who attended Stibbington school during the First World War. Lessons include using abacus and slates, writing with pen and ink, an object lesson and drill.

Lunch break

A 1914-18 style lunch may be provided, see booking form, and playtime will include the opportunity to play with replica toys.

Session B

During this session children work in groups on a series of indoor and outdoor challenges that might help the war effort and prepare them for being useful volunteers. Challenges might include:

- Helping with washing chores using wash tub and mangle
- First aid training and stretcher bearing
- Sending messages using semaphore
- Target practice

Finale

The day will end with a short walk to the church where a memorial plaque includes the names of the men from Stibbington who were older brothers of the 1914 school children. An act of remembrance and a chance to reflect on the day completes the programme. Your bus will be asked to collect the group from here.

Risk management

See separate **"Guidance notes for safe and effective Day Courses"**

Supervision: For this Day Course our recommended adult:pupil ratio for safety is 1:8 in pre-arranged working groups

Weather conditions: CEES teachers are aware of daily weather forecasts and may adjust programmes depending on weather conditions on the day. See separate guidance on outdoor clothing and footwear.

Equipment: Instructions are given on the safe use of all equipment.

Village roads: Pupils are instructed to walk in single file or not more than two abreast, using a pavement where possible. The CEES teacher walks ahead of the group, with one adult at the rear and others walking with their group. When walking and working in small groups, pupils are instructed to stay close to their supervisory adult.