


Primary School Workshops At York Mansion House

2018

Celebrating 800 Years Of Civic Democracy





The Mansion House is an iconic symbol of civic democracy in the City of York, representing over 800 years of the Mayoralty of York. It is an ideal venue for exploring the history of the City of York, citizenship and civic democracy.

Self-Led Visits

Free trails and resources for self-led visits are available on the Education pages on our website www.mansionhouseyork.com

Early Years and Foundation Stage

All our Early Years and Foundation Stage sessions include opportunities for children to engage in creative play with costumes, puppets, original and replica objects and percussion instruments

Mrs. Teachum's Tall Tales 1hr

Using stories and nursery rhymes from 18th century children's books this hands on interactive session explores what life was like for children in the 18th century.

FS Links – Communication, Expressive arts

Lions And Unicorns And Bears - Oh My! 1Hr

This Session uses animal stories to uncover the stories behind the mythical beasts and monsters in the Mansion House, on the coat of arms of the City of York and the city seals. Children will create their very own seal or coat of arms.

FS Links – Communication, Expressive arts

Reception and KS1

All our KS1 sessions include hands on interaction with costumes, and original and replica objects.

Ebrauc- Founder Of York?

Children will discover the story of Ebrauc, the legendary founder of York, whose statue once stood in an arch on the site of the Mansion House. Children will explore the concepts of rules and rulers from Ebrauc to the Lord Mayor, and construct their own archways and walls.



NC Links - Citizenship, Myths and Legends

Then There Be Dragons!

Children will discover the story of St. George and how Lord Mayors and Sheriffs of York celebrated St George's day by 'riding' the bounds of the city.

NC Links - Citizenship, Myths and Legends



A Key To The City

Children will discover the delightful storybook "A Key to the City" created by students from York University which explores the story of a time-travelling bear who became Lord Mayor!

NC Links - Citizenship, History

The City Arms

Children will discover the stories behind the coat of arms of the City of York and the city seals by exploring original objects in the Mansion House collections and creating their very own seal or coat of arms.

NC Links - History, Citizenship, Art and Design

KS2

Henry VII Visits York

Children will discover the story of Henry VII's visits to York in 1486 and 1487 and the connections with the site of the Mansion House. Children will recreate Henry VII's procession and uncover the Tudor connections with the Common Hall gates which once stood on the site of the Mansion House.

NC Links - Citizenship, History

Time Travelling With The Lord Mayors Of York

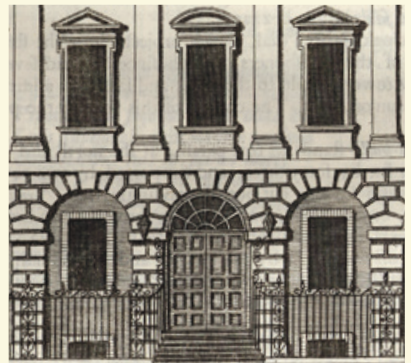
Who's the first Mayor of York? Who made the Mayor a Lord Mayor? What are the connections with Samuel Pepys? When did women become Lord Mayors? This session explores the chronology of the Lord Mayors of York from early medieval times to the present day. Children will explore the stories of key Mayors and Lord Mayors of York, view original objects and build their own time line of the city of York.



NC Links - Citizenship, History

Building The Mansion House

Children will take on the roles of 18th century builders and architects spotting symmetry and 2D & 3D shapes within the building, estimating the quantities of materials needed to build the house and discovering how 18th century builders were taught practical Maths.



NC Links - History, Maths

The Assizes Of Ale And Bread

The Sheriff and Lord Mayor of York were responsible for ensuring that the food and drink sold in the city was unadulterated and sold in the correct weights. In this session children will take on the role of the city searchers, weighing and measuring foods such as bread, tea and sugar and testing their contents.

NC Links- History, Maths

“El coco” And The Coconut Cups



Children will discover the stories behind the Mansion House’s 17th century coconut cups, their supposed medicinal properties and the connections to El Coco a Portuguese bogeyman. Activities will include, using a globe to discover the origin of coconuts, trying out the techniques of making a coconut cup, and creating a mask to frighten El Coco.

NC Links – History, Art and Design

Time For Tea!

Children will discover the story of Lord Mayor Robert Hollon who left china tea sets and porcelain to the Mansion House. After testing some tea for any adulteration they will create their own story plates based on the collections.

NC Links - Citizenship, History, Art and Design



The Mock Turtle And The 100 Guinea Dish

In 1850 Prince Albert visited the Mansion House and a “100 guinea dish” was created for the occasion. Children will discover the contents of the dish and other fashionable foods eaten in the Mansion House. Activities include the “sugar cube challenge” estimating the sugar content of different foods, creating a healthy plate of food in different media and dancing the “lobster quadrille”.

NC Links - History, Design and Technology, Art and Design

The Noble Pineapple - Excellent Fruit!

Imagine spending £5,000 to rent a pineapple for an evening! Children will discover the story of this expensive fruit and how it was displayed in the Mansion House. Children will then be challenged to create 3D pineapple shapes from 2D nets and create paper sculptures of 19th century fashionable fruits.

NC Links - Citizenship, History, Maths



Mace Mysteries And Mace Making

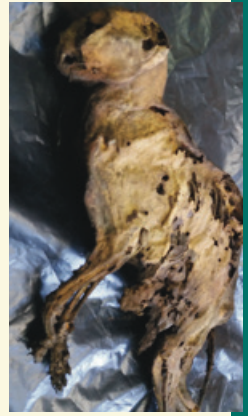
Children will discover the story of how the Mayor of York was given the right to have a mace before him by Richard II. They will closely examine the embossed and engraved images on the current 17th century City Mace and discuss the meaning of these symbols. Children will then be challenged to create their own 3D maces using 2D nets to create the different 3D shapes.

NC Links - Citizenship, History, Maths



Who Killed The Mansion House Cat?

Children will discover the stories of the items found during the restoration works in the Mansion House including a mummified cat, lead graffiti and ritual deposits. Children will be challenged to create their own theories about who killed the cat based on the physical and documentary evidence and present their conclusions using items from the handling collections.



NC Links - History, Myths and legends

Precious Metals

In this session children will discover how York goldsmiths created bowls and tankards from silver and gold, test the properties of different materials found in the Mansion House and create their own “gold chain” in textiles.



NC Links - History, Science, Art and Design

The Mayor Making Ball 1785

Children will discover how York chose its Lord Mayor in 1785 and participate in the mayor making process including hustings and voting. Children will re-create the Lord Mayors procession, the mayor making ceremony and celebrate in an 18th century ball dressed in replica costumes.

NC Links - Citizenship, History


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Booking Information

Contact us by phone or email

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 mansionhouse@york.gov.uk

Admission

Adults accompanying school groups in the numbers we require are free.

Additional Adults: £6.50

Adult /Child Ratio:

Nursery & Reception:

One adult per 4 children

KS 1 & 2:

One adult per 6 children.

KS 3 & 4:

One adult per 10 children

School Workshops also available on Mondays & Tuesdays

Max. No. Pupils 30.

1 hour workshop..... £60

1.5 hour workshop..... £70

2 hour workshop..... £80

Public Opening Times:

Wednesday to Sunday
10.30am – 5pm


Cancellations

We require a minimum of 48 hours notice for cancellation of sessions for payment to be refunded.


Parking


Parking information can be found on the City of York Council website:
www.york.gov.uk/transport/Parking/Coach_parking/
Call: 01904 551309.

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