

SCARECROW!

KS2

Children undertake a farm task in the fields and then try bird-scaring the noisy and labour-intensive way! The group is then split into teams to design and make scarecrows using recycled materials. A hands-on one hour workshop filled with fun.



THE NATURAL WORLD

Spring & Summer Terms only

A SENSE OF ADVENTURE

KS1

Look, listen, feel and smell for clues that draw attention to the life hiding in Acton Scott's woodland: hunt for woolly worms and learn about camouflage, try worm-charming, imagine life as a mole underground on a blindfold trail, and hunt for minibeasts in the leaf litter.

"I learned that if you stroke trees little creatures will fall off." - Nikita

THE SECRET LIFE OF PLANTS & TREES

KS1

Find out about the different parts of plants and how they provide homes and food for wildlife. Practical activities, such as bark rubbing, colour palettes and a scavenger hunt, draw the children closer to the trees and plants to appreciate their beauty and variety.

"Thank you for letting us go to the deep dark woods and find tiny minibeasts under the stumpy trees and under the big, fat, brown and long branches." - Luke

THE GREAT HABITAT HUNT

KS2

Compare and contrast a range of habitats found at Acton Scott and consider how animals are suited to where they live. Hunt for minibeasts in the tree canopy, leaf litter and dead wood and, applying knowledge gained from observation, 'become' particular animals to find a perfect home.

"That bug hunt was totally super and I caught a woodlouse and a black ant" - Kieran

FANTASTIC FOOD CHAINS

KS2

The wonderful combination of woodland and farmland at Acton Scott allows children to build food chains and webs that ultimately link us all together. Discover through games and practical activities how food chains are reliant on green plants and, ultimately, the sun.

PRIMARY EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

- All workshops last 1 hour 30 minutes. 10.30 – 12.00 or 12.30 – 2.00, except for Shelter Building and Scarecrow! which are 1 hour each.
- All workshops cost £55. This is in addition to the group admission costs.
- Group admission costs: Pre-school, playgroup and primary school children £3.25. One adult per 6 paying children will be admitted free of charge and all other accompanying adults will be charged at child rate. Minimum group admission charge of £65.
- We have a maximum number of 30 children for each Early Years & KS1 workshop and 35 children for each KS2 workshop.
- Acton Scott offers a free preliminary visit for teachers.
- All groups must be booked well in advance. Late bookings may mean that we can't offer you the workshop of your choice.

BOOKING INFORMATION

Acton Scott Historic Working Farm is open daily.
Monday 7 April – Friday 2 November 2014, 10.00am – 4.30pm

Further information and to book a visit phone: **01694 781307**
e-mail: acton.scott.museum@shropshire.gov.uk

Lunchtime We have an undercover picnic area where you can eat your lunch.

Health & Safety Copies of our risk assessments are available on our website. Acton Scott is an outdoor site. Please ensure that every child wears suitable clothing.

Acton Scott Historic Working Farm, Wenlock Lodge,
Acton Scott, Nr Church Stretton, Shropshire SY6 6QN

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ACTON SCOTT
Historic Working Farm

2014

Schools Programme



CSI ACTON SCOTT!

NEW

Who stole the grain from the granary? Children gather evidence from the scene of the crime and use their powers of deduction to track down the culprit!

FARM BOY

Based on the moving sequel to War Horse by Michael Morpurgo. A story of the special bond between man and horse and the impact of war on rural life. Links to the First World War Centenary Programme.

A FARM THROUGH TIME

A chronological study of the farm from the Iron Age to the Victorian era, designed to support the new National Curriculum.

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STORY TOURS AND ACTIVITIES

Early Years and KS1

THREE LITTLE PIGS

Bring the story to life by visiting our pigs, snug in their brick-built sty, and all their farmyard friends. Then try making homes of straw, wood and bricks to see which material is best. Can the children construct a home so strong that even a wolf can't blow it down?

"I adored the baby pigs." - Erin

OLD MACDONALD HAD A FARM

A tour of the farm designed to heighten the senses while finding out how Old MacDonald looks after his animals. Children create a journey stick to help them recall their experiences and then make a big Old MacDonald scarecrow using recycled materials.

"It was the funnest farm ever." – Oscar

BAA BAA BLACK SHEEP

Spring & Summer Terms Only

Relive the nursery rhyme by searching for those 'three bags full' so they can be returned to their rightful owners. Children help care for our friendly Shropshire sheep, bottle-feed the hungry lambs, card the wool and twist it into yarn.

"I felt excited and splendid." – Paige

LIVING HISTORY

WORK, REST & PLAY

KS1



Dress in replica costume and relive a Victorian child's busy day: collect sticks for the laundry copper, fetch the water and wash clothes in the dolly tub. There are chickens to feed and eggs to collect, too. Then a short rest before playing with replica toys in the cottage garden.

"I felt brilliantly good. It was tiring me out but I really enjoyed it." – Kai

EVACUEE AT ACTON SCOTT

KS2

Newly-arrived evacuees are quickly organised by Acton Scott's efficient billeting officer, Mrs. Mainwaring; once identity cards, suitcases and gas masks have been checked, they practise the air raid drill before being set to work in the fields. Then there's time to reflect as they write their first letter home.

THE VICTORIAN COUNTRY CHILD

KS2

Take on the identity of one of the Victorian estate children who attended Acton Scott School in 1881 and discover what their life was like. Undertake seasonal farm work, practise copperplate handwriting on a slate, and make a leaf boat to sail on the school pond.

"I found it amazing how the Victorian children had to do a lot of work. All the things we do now is much easier than their life." – Izzy

A FARM THROUGH TIME

KS2

Uncover and interpret evidence found above and below ground to trace the story of Acton Scott's farming community over two thousand years. Hands-on activities reinforce the children's observations: they mill on a quern, spin wool, sort Roman finds, pull the plough and lend a hand in the farmyard.

"I was expecting that I would like it 100% but I didn't, I liked it 1000%!" – Maddie

Links to the First World War Centenary Programme

FARM BOY

KS2

Children gain a deeper understanding of Michael Morpurgo's moving story through first-hand experience. They meet the farm's shire horses, try pulling the plough themselves, and learn how a harness fits together to develop an appreciation of the horse's amazing strength and the skill of the people who work with them.

"My dad wouldn't cope without his tractors. He wouldn't be patient enough to plough with horses." – Izzy

LIFE SCIENCE

LAY A LITTLE EGG FOR ME

KS1

Spring & Summer Terms only

Find out how and why we keep chickens: grind corn in the kibbler, feed the hens and collect new-laid eggs. Check if any eggs have recently hatched and handle fluffy chicks. Applying their new knowledge, children select materials and make a cosy nest for a hen and her chicks.

"I liked it so much I nearly burst." – Evie

FOOD ON THE FARM

KS1

Children find out where food comes from through a series of practical activities around the farm. They meet the animals, find out what they eat and why they are kept. They help in the garden, collect new-laid eggs, mill wheat into flour, and turn the churn to make butter.

I WANT TO BE A FARMER!

KS1

Working in the farm yard and fields, children develop an understanding of what a farmer does all day. They crush grain in the kibbler to feed the poultry, prepare a field for sowing and then build a big scarecrow to keep the birds away.

"I could see a massive amazing scarecrow and not even a single crow." – Liam

CSI ACTON SCOTT! NEW!

KS2

Who stole the grain from the granary? Children have a crime to solve – an animal has been stealing grain! They observe the suspects, and then, back in the 'crime lab', study the jaws and teeth of different animals to eliminate the innocent. A further study of footprints and fur leads them to the perpetrator.

HARVEST HOME

KS1



September & October only

Dress in replica Victorian costume and relive harvest time in the past. Reap the wheat, bind the sheaves, build the stooks and glean in the fields before threshing,

winnowing and milling in the barn. Learn why harvest was celebrated and how everyone had their part to play.

"It was the best day of my life." – Zoe

HARVEST CELEBRATION

KS2

September & October only

Learn how both young and old pulled together during Victorian harvest time. Reap the wheat, bind the sheaves, build the stooks and glean in the fields before threshing, winnowing and milling in the barn. Make a corn dolly sweetheart favour, as a memento of the harvest celebration.

"My rating for you is five out of five." – Edith

SUSTAINABLE CHALLENGES

FOOD & FARMING –

THE SUSTAINABLE WAY

KS2

Was Acton Scott a sustainable farm? Discover how a farmer worked in the past and the impact of farming on the environment. Through practical activities, children gain an understanding of the economics of farming and learn how the farm relied on both horse and human energy to survive.

SHELTER BUILDING

KS2

Faced with hazel poles, rope and canvas, groups of children are challenged to construct a shelter of their own design, using their thinking and building skills. This is a fun, practical one hour workshop with plenty of opportunity to develop planning, communication and cooperation skills in the outdoors.

"It was better than great." – Lewis