



BODMIN KEEP

CORNWALL'S ARMY MUSEUM



LEARNING SESSIONS FOR PRIMARY GROUPS

At Bodmin Keep we offer museum-led sessions for schools, covering World War One and World War Two themes from £4 per child.

For more information please contact us on 0120872810 or education@bodminkeep.org



WORLD WAR ONE SESSIONS

KS2

Curriculum links:

English
History
Citizenship
PSHE

Trench Warfare

A practical session exploring daily life in the First World War trenches from the point of enlistment. Pupils visit the museum's own outdoor trench to experience what life would have been like. There's an opportunity to handle real objects and find out about a local soldier through their identity tags.

KS2

Curriculum links:

English
History
Citizenship

Enlisted and Conscripted

This session explores why people enlisted in the War and why conscription was put in place. Pupils help create a model of recruitment prior to conscription, order battles and losses and explore letters. Changing attitudes to enlisting and the impact on the numbers of men throughout the conflict is also investigated.

KS2

Curriculum links:

Art & Design
English
History
Citizenship
PSHE

Heroism & Medal Making

This session explores the theme of heroism and medals in our Armoury gallery including who received them and what they are awarded for. Pupils undertake group work to investigate heroes through photographs and real stories including British nurse Edith Cavell who worked in occupied Belgium during the First World War. The story of Thomas Rendle, Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry bandsman and stretch bearer, is also explored. Pupils then design and make their own medals to take back to school.

KS2

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History
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Tour of The Keep & Exploring objects from WWI

During this tour pupils will learn about the history of The Keep, one of Bodmin's most important historic buildings. Key events in its history will be explored including WWI & WWII when it was used for training men before they went to battle and during the 1950s with its foreign language or spy school. Following the tour pupils handle objects from World War One and learn about life as a soldier.

KS2

Curriculum links:

English
History
PSHE

Military-style Team Building

Join Major 'Spanner' Manley for a session where pupils build their teamwork skills and learn that rope and pole skills are competitive fun. Spanner has spent the last 20 years teaching survival techniques to the armed services and was awarded the MBE in 1993 for his work with young people in Northern Ireland.

Note: There is an additional charge of £2 per child for this session. This means that the cost per child for visiting (with the military-style team building session) would be £6.

WORLD WAR TWO SESSIONS

KS2

Curriculum links:

Art &
Design
English
History
Citizenship
PSHE

Heroism & Medal Making

This session explores the theme of heroism and medals in our Armoury gallery including who received them and what they are awarded for. Pupils undertake group work to investigate heroes before designing and making their own medals to take back to school.

KS2

Curriculum links:

English
History
PSHE

Tour of The Keep & Exploring objects from WWII

During this tour pupils will learn about the history of The Keep, one of Bodmin's most important historic buildings. Key events in its history will be explored including World War One and Two when it was used for training men before they went to battle and during the 1950s with its foreign language or spy school. Following the tour pupils handle objects from World War Two and learn about life as a soldier. Discussion includes materials and design of each handling object.

KS2

Curriculum links:

English
History
PSHE

Military-style Team Building

Join Major 'Spanner' Manley for a session where pupils build their teamwork skills while learning that rope and pole skills are competitive fun. Spanner has spent the last 20 years teaching survival techniques to the armed services and was awarded the MBE in 1993 for his work with young people in Northern Ireland.

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Child of War

In this hands-on session pupils explore what it was like to be a child during World War Two. During group work and investigative activities with real and replica objects, themes including rationing, evacuation and play are explored.

