EDUCATION BROCHURE

Providing a range of curriculum based school programmes with train travel on the Severn Valley Railway

2018
Based at our Engine House Visitor & Education Centre in Highley, the Severn Valley Railway provides a range of curriculum based school programmes. Led by our experienced team and in conjunction with our partners at local museums and outdoor learning centres, our sessions are designed to enhance and consolidate children’s learning.

Suitable for all ability levels across EYFS, KS1 and KS2, where possible each of our programmes can be tailored to meet specific needs and study areas.

Each of our programmes includes return train travel from Kidderminster in reserved seats and free parking for coaches and minibuses. Please note other departing stations are available.

Our programmes run from May to July, and throughout September.

To discuss your requirements and to make a booking please call:
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or email:
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Teddy Bear’s Picnic
Engine House & Education Centre
Enjoy an exciting ride along the Severn Valley Railway to our Engine House Visitor & Education Centre in Highley. Take part in some bear spotting on our paw print trail, bring a picnic, and sit down to a bear themed story. Don’t forget to bring your teddy bears along to enjoy the ride!

**EYFS GOALS**
- Communication and Language
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Mathematics

£10.50 per pupil

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Forestry Adventure
Arley Arboretum & Gardens
Take the train to Arley and experience a range of woodland activities in the 45-acre Arboretum. Led by an experienced Forest School teacher, activities can include nature trails, sensory walks, plant and habitat studies, bird watching, pond dipping and storytelling.

**EYFS GOALS**
- Communication and Language
- Physical development
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Understanding the World

£12.00 per pupil
NEW FOR 2018
CROSS-CURRICULAR PROGRAMMES
Our cross-curricular activities have the capacity to cover large parts of the curriculum, enabling pupils to gain practical experience in several areas.

HISTORY
Our school history programmes support children to ‘gain historical perspective by placing their growing knowledge into different contexts, understanding the connections between local, regional, national and international history; between cultural, economic, military, political, religious and social history; and between short and long-term timescales.’

NATIONAL CURRICULUM LINK
- Changes within living memory. Where appropriate these should be used to reveal aspects of change in national life.

SCIENCE
Our school science programmes support children to ‘develop an understanding of the nature, processes and methods of science through different types of science enquiries that help them to answer scientific questions about the world around them’.

NATIONAL CURRICULUM LINK
- Identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including microhabitats.

NEW FOR 2018
Transport
Engine House & Education Centre
Take a train journey to the Engine House and participate in a variety of transport themed activities. Compare vintage and modern day suitcases, investigate the age of steam railways, write a postcard, and explore our travelling post office. End the day by enjoying a storytelling session of ‘The Railway Children’.
£12.00 per pupil

Minibeast Hunt
Severn Valley Country Park
Enjoy a train ride through the countryside where you will be met by experienced park rangers. Using identification charts, become nature inspectors and hunt for mini beasts in their woodland or meadow habitats.
£12.00 per pupil

Forest School Fun
Arley Arboretum & Gardens
Following your train journey to Arley, you will be met by an experienced Forest School teacher. Take part in a variety of Forest School activities that are based around your classroom topic. Activities include The Stone Age, Vikings, The Romans, The Egyptians, Rainforests, Plants and Habitats. The trip can be tailored to meet specific needs and study areas.
Price £12.00 per pupil

KS1
SCIENCE
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NATIONAL CURRICULUM LINK
• Recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways.
• Explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment.
• Describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird.

Habitats
Severn Valley Country Park
What lives in a wildflower meadow? A woodland? Or a pond? Take the train to the country park to investigate habitats. Assisted by an experienced park ranger, discover why animals choose to live in their chosen habitats and how they are adapted to do so.
£12.00 per pupil

GEOPGRAPHY
Our school geography programmes support children to develop their geographical skills and ‘understand the processes that give rise to key physical and human geographical features’.

Bewdley: A Local Town
Bewdley Museum
Following a train journey to Bewdley you will be taken back in time to explore the history of this ancient river town. Children will find out about the town’s trade links and industrial past, as well as taking part in hands on activities such as coracle building and rope making.
£12.00 per pupil

Please book through Bewdley Museum on 0845 603 5699

River Study Field Trip
Severn Valley Country Park
Travel from Bridgnorth Station to the country park by train and enjoy a walk along the River Severn accompanied by an experienced park ranger. Using geographical enquiry skills, children will investigate the features of a river whilst taking part in basic fieldwork activities.
£12.00 per pupil

NATIONAL CURRICULUM LINK
• Human geography, including types of settlement & land use, economic activity including trade links.
• Physical geography of rivers.
• Use fieldwork to observe, measure and record the human and physical features in the local area.
1940s & WWII Experience
Kidderminster Station

Arrive at Kidderminster station where costumed reenactors explore a variety of themes relating to life in wartime Britain. Then it is off by evacuation train on a return journey to our station at Arley in the heart of the countryside, to experience a very different way of life in comparison to the danger of bombing raids.

(One week only 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th July 2018)
£13.00 per pupil

Wartime Britain
Engine House & Education Centre

Travel back in time on our evacuation train through the English countryside. Accompanied by our experienced staff, the children will experience first-hand the life of an evacuee in wartime Britain. Upon arrival at our Engine House, children can take part in a choice of wartime themed activities. Options include the Anderson shelter, a wartime childhood, 1940s toys and games, rag rugging, artefact detectives, wartime kitchen and rationing, investigating evacuation suitcases and firefighting (weather dependent).

£12.00 per pupil

Classroom At War
Hartlebury Museum

Arrive at Hartlebury Museum and take a trip back in time to find out what life would have been like for children in the 1940s. Here, a billeting officer from the WVS will help the children prepare for wartime life as an evacuee. Then take the evacuation train to our Visitor and Education Centre in Highley.

£12.00 per pupil

Blitz & Evacuation
Bewdley Museum

Take a detailed look at life during World War II. Children have the opportunity to view and handle a range of artefacts at Bewdley Museum before travelling by steam train to Highley. Accompanied by the museum staff, pupils can then enjoy exploring the Visitor and Education Centre before returning back to Bewdley.

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- A local history study: a study of an aspect of history or a site dating from a period beyond 1066 that is significant in the locality.
- A study of an aspect or theme in British History that extends pupils’ chronological knowledge beyond 1066.
The Christmas Cracker Express

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Celebrate the start of the Christmas season, with a return steam train journey along the Severn Valley from Kidderminster to Highley. Travelling in reserved seating, each fare-paying child will receive a gift from Father Christmas.

Tickets available from August

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S.T.E.A.M.

Engine House Visitor & Education Centre

Take a train journey to the Engine House and participate in a variety of curriculum based activities.

Science - Discover how steam powers a locomotive train

Technology - Find out how rods, levers and dials work

English - Sort letters and packages in the travelling post office

Art - Explore the world of Railway Art

Maths - Estimate and measure the length of a steam train

A great opportunity to use the resources of the Engine House to provide a cross-curricular learning experience!

£12.00 per pupil

Bushcraft

Arley Arboretum & Gardens

Take the train to Arley, and accompanied by an experienced Forest School teacher explore the world of bush craft and survival skills! Take part in activities such as fire lighting, shelter building and creating knots. Problem solving, team building, orienteering and parachute games are also on the menu.

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Engine House Visitor & Education Centre, Highley

A different discovery every trip...

Home to our reserve collection of full-size steam locomotives, the stunning Engine House Centre at Highley takes you on a fascinating journey behind the scenes.

Leave the train at Highley for a visit to The Engine House, our exciting Visitor & Education Centre.

Marvel at the massive locomotives, delve into the intriguing history of Britain’s railways, enjoy themed exhibitions of unique railway vehicles and meet the engine that collided with a camel! An outdoor picnic and play area, restaurant and well-stocked gift shop also awaits.

Groups may book a visit to the Engine House as part of a trip on the Severn Valley Railway. Please note that Engine House visits are unguided.

£2.00 per pupil (price excludes train fare)
BOOKING AND PAYMENTS TERMS & CONDITIONS

For most school programmes, a minimum of 20 paying pupils applies. One adult travels free on the Severn Valley Railway for every ten paying pupils. Any adults above this allocation are charged at the child ticket price.

Bookings are confirmed upon receipt of the requested deposit. Any changes to passenger numbers must be received at least two weeks before date of travel. Final invoices will be sent out two weeks before travel.

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