



Workshop Descriptions

Hall Tour

Discover how and why Doddington Hall was built, with Annie, the house maid, who will take you on a tour to explore the secrets of Doddington. This workshop encourages children to observe specific aspects of the Hall and develop an understanding of how it compares to modern homes.

Garden Tour

Containing a wonderful mixture of elements from every generation; ranging from ancient trees, to young plants, Elizabethan walled gardens, modern statues, wild gardens, interesting habitats and formal gardens, this tour allows the children to focus on plants, seasonal changes, animals and everyday materials.

Bugs and Beasties

Your intrepid explorers set off with hand lenses to observe and identify some of the invertebrates in the Garden. This will introduce pupils to the world of Minibeasts and bugs including, insects, arachnids, molluscs and crustaceans and their habitats. There is also the chance to talk about the food chain and the importance of maintaining a balance of so that all animals can survive.

Nature Trail

This workshop provides pupils with an opportunity to enjoy a walk in the countryside whilst observing plants, trees, flowers, insects, birds and animals along the nature trail. It will highlight the seasonal variations along the nature trail and make pupils aware of the Countryside Code and to follow the code during the walk. It will encourage children to make more detailed observations of some special things encountered on the walk, such as fungus, insects, blossom, feathers, and birdsong as well as providing pupils with relevant historical information regarding the Doddington estate, which is revealed by features of the trail.

Meet the Herbs

This workshop offers a wonderful chance to explore the Herb Garden providing a great scope for sensory learning, in particular, smelling feeling and identifying the variety of herbs growing in it. Pupils will be able to develop an understanding of the various uses of herbs and an awareness of the scent of different herbs. To finish off the sessions pupils will have the opportunity to make an item using .

Hands on Past

Learn all about old artefacts at Doddington and what they would have been used for by having the opportunity to observe and handle historical objects. Pupils will be encouraged to gain an understanding of events and items beyond living memory, allowing them to develop an awareness of why and how household items have developed.

Kitchen Garden Tour

This tour introduces pupils to the history of Doddington Hall's restored Kitchen Garden and enables pupils to understand how a Kitchen Garden is designed. By taking a walk around the Garden, pupils are able to compare how the garden is used today compared to past times and enables them to explore the idea of healthy eating and the importance of vegetables as part of a healthy diet. Pupils will also be able to observe the vegetables and fruit growing and there is an opportunity to interpret the map of the garden whilst taking part in a vegetable based treasure hunt activity.

For pupils who wish to take part in the Kitchen Garden Tour at KS1 level, we adapt the workshop to become 'Oliver's Vegetables' to suit the age range.

Oliver's Vegetables

Oliver's Vegetables introduces pupils to the history of Doddington Hall's restored Kitchen Garden and compares how the garden is used today compared to when it was first built. This workshop involves a story and pupil participation in puppet/mask based role play of the story of 'Oliver's Vegetables' which encourages the idea of healthy eating and the importance of vegetables as part of a healthy diet. Pupils will also be able to spot vegetables and fruit as they take a walk around.