




BOURNE ELSEA PARK C OF E PRIMARY ACADEMY

ACTIVITY LIST

WHITBY

DAYTIME ACTIVITIES	
<p>Town Trail</p> <p>The perfect activity to start our residential, this activity consists of a guided tour of Whitby. Although small, Whitby has a wealth of history and fascinating stories waiting to be discovered. The tour starts at the top of the 199 steps before winding through the small lanes on the East Cliff side of Whitby.</p> <p>Crossing the River the tour continues past the modern fish market, and down the pier to the lighthouse. Up on the West Cliff, we delve into Whitby's literary past, where we will be shown the window from which Bram Stoker was first inspired by Whitby. Finally, we will be introduced to Captain Cook and have our obligatory photo taken at the iconic Whitby Whalebone Arch. A quick stroll through Dracula's tunnel will lead us back into Whitby for our return journey up the steps.</p>	
<p>Coastal Walk</p> <p>The coastline from Whitby towards Robin Hoods Bay is full of wonder and adventure. It is part of the Yorkshire Jurassic Coast and the Cleveland Way and has many hidden treasures to discover, from forgotten coves and beaches, to old lighthouses and even our very own noisy Kittiwake colony!</p> <p>We will start with an introduction about the route and a visit down to Saltwick Bay where we may incorporate a fossil hunt (if the tide allows), do activities about coastal formation and the tides, create some big coastal art attacks or just sit back and spend some time enjoying the beautiful tranquility of the coast. Along the way there is lots to see and we will talk about the history and fun Whitby myths.</p>	
<p>Fossil Hunt</p> <p>The rocks that form the East cliffs around Whitby date from the early Jurassic Period (206 - 185 million years ago) and consist mainly of Alum shale, sandstone and clay, with the shale in particular full of fossils waiting to be found by eager young hands. We will start with an introduction to the rock cycle, before we go over the types of fossils or interesting items that can be found on the beach, typical finds include ammonites, belemnites, fossilised bivalves, and possibly Devil's toenails.</p> <p>However, between the shale and sandstone, can be found the layers of Jet, the beautiful semi-precious stone for which Whitby is famous for. The children will be taught how to identify Jet from the more common sea coal and lignite and where the best places are to find it.</p>	

The Whitby Endeavour Experience

Experience life as one of Captain Cook's crew on-board this interactive museum. The Endeavour Experience is a scale replica of the HMS Bark Endeavour, with a few modern touches. The children will be guided around the attraction by the Endeavour's own trained staff and will have the opportunity to really begin to understand what it must have been like to set sail on those voyages 250 years ago.



Big Yellow Boat

The Big Yellow Boat Company provides short and safe boat trips for groups out of Whitby harbor and along the coast. The Big Yellow Boat Company is fully licensed by the MCA and have public liability and risk assessments covering their trips. Additionally, all children are provided with life jackets for safety.

The boat trip itself usually lasts around 25 -30 minutes. Sightings of whales, dolphins and porpoises are possible.



Whitby Museum & Pannett Park

Whitby Museum is the largest museum in the town and contains a huge array of displays and artefacts, covering everything you would ever want to know about Whitby, including the famous Hand of Glory!

We will explore the exhibitions which cover a range of topics, including Geology, Fossil, Maritime Heritage, Captain Cook, Social history, Archaeology and Jet.

Next to the Museum is a great little playground Pannett Park - which we will visit if the weather allows.



Lifeboat Museum

This museum traces the history of the RNLI in Whitby. We will have a chance to explore the exhibition, containing artefacts, models and dioramas, stories of past rescues and one of the original Whitby lifeboats. We will also have a talk from one of the RNLI volunteers. The children have a chance to meet a real life hero who selflessly risks their own wellbeing to help those in need.



Lifeboat Station

We will take part in a tour of the current RNLI lifeboat station where we will be shown a short presentation. We will be introduced to the work the RNLI do and learn about the importance of how to keep safe around the coast, rivers and canals in the UK. We will be shown the equipment use, take a look at the large All-Weather Lifeboat, before getting up close to the smaller inshore lifeboat.



EVENING ACTIVITIES

Lighthouse Team Challenge

A great team building session, in small groups and with limited resources, the challenge is on to see who can build the best lighthouse. Each group will be provided with the means to build a functioning lighthouse complete with tealight beacon. Groups are judged on teamwork, presentation, height, positioning of the light and how well they stand up to battering storms and even and approaching icebergs.



Whitby Jet Polishing

Whitby is famous for Jet. One of the local Whitby Jet specialists will lead a talk about the history of Jet, and how it is polished and turned in to jewellery. Once complete every child will receive a small piece of Jet to work with using traditional methods, with the aim of finishing up with a perfectly polished little bit of Whitby to keep as a memory of their visit.



Night Walk

In this activity YHA staff will take us out across the headland and over to St Mary's church. This session is all about the atmosphere, from the sparkling lights of Whitby at night, the ambience of the Abbey when lit up, the eeriness of the Church and its grounds, the chance to see the stars at night or just to hear the sound of the waves. This is all about soaking up the atmosphere and providing the children with the opportunity to stop, listen and reflect.

