



# STOWE HOUSE

Formal  
Learning  
Programme  
2015-16

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## Why visit Stowe House?

There are lots of reasons to bring your learning group to Stowe House!

The following principles run throughout all of our workshops:

- Learning activities are creative, fun and hands-on
- Learning is targeted across a range of curriculum subjects with an emphasis on core subjects

## What is Stowe?

Stowe is a beautiful 18<sup>th</sup> century estate and one of our most important historic houses. It was built with creative flair by owners who valued learning. Today, the House is looked after by Stowe House Preservation Trust and the Gardens by the National Trust.



The emphasis on creativity and learning continued when Stowe School was set up on the Estate in the 1920s. This famous public school proudly continues the traditions of innovation and education.

## Stowe House's Learning Programme for Primary Schools

Our new Learning Programme for Primary Schools is part of an exciting new phase for Stowe which will welcome a wider range of visitors to the House. The programme is led by our experienced team which includes 2 permanent staff and several volunteers; all of the team hold enhanced DBS clearance.

Our Learning Programme has developed with a number of supporting partners. This includes the National Trust who offers self-led packages to complement the workshops available at the House. We have also worked with local schools to write and trial the sessions, ensuring that the programme is relevant and meaningful. We are currently funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund in order for more children to experience Stowe House and its creative traditions.



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## Workshops Programme for Early Years, KS1 and KS2

All workshops include exploring our historic rooms, time in our interactive Discovery Centre and a making activity in our Learning Space.

Our workshops can be combined with visits to the gardens, which are looked after by National Trust Stowe.



### Early Years & KS1

#### Treasures of Stowe – stories, myths and legends

Support your children's literacy learning as your group spend the day collecting elements of a story that is an ancient myth with connection to Stowe. The visit finishes with a re-telling of the story. Our creative activities focus on narrative features and offer chances for review and prediction.

English, History,  
Science, Music

#### House Detectives

Become house detectives, investigating clues found in letters, mini-beasts, measuring sticks and mysterious suitcases as your group piece together Stowe's history! This cross-curricular workshop encourages a highly creative and holistic learning style. After a day of mysteries, leave your own little clue in the continually developing story of Stowe.

Cross-curricular – includes English, Science,  
Geography, History, Maths

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local  
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### KS2

#### Stories through Time: legacy of Greek or Roman culture

Explore the classical beauty of Stowe House while in role as ancient storytellers! Your group will discover the fantastic stories, beautiful sculptures and breath-taking architecture that classical civilisations have helped to create. There's the option to use your investigations back at school too in a literacy task.

This workshop focuses on either Greek OR Roman creativity and culture.

History, English, Art & Design

#### Face to Face – exploring portraits

Let your group become great painting masters as they bring Stowe's portraits to life! In this fast-paced workshop, groups will recreate portraits through teamwork and role-play, while investigating the science of making paint, how light and colours move, the emotive language of art and more! Phew!

Art & Design, English, Science, Maths, Drama

## Bringing your group

**When:** most of our visits take place on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays throughout the year. We may be able to take bookings on Mondays and Fridays – contact us to discuss.

**Time:** visits start at 10am. Whole day visits usually finish around 2.15pm.

**Groups:** our workshops are suitable for groups of around 60 children. Ask us if you'd like to bring a larger group and we can suggest how to manage this. The House is fully accessible – please discuss your group's needs with us.

**Cost:** £4 per person for whole day visits.  
£3 per person for half days visits. 1 free adult for every 8 children visiting. There is a minimum size of 20 paid places.

If you would like to also visit the gardens at National Trust Stowe, we recommend using National Trust Educational Group Membership. Contact us for details.

**Lunch:** everyone in your group should bring a packed lunch and drinks. There is space onsite to eat this.

**Transport:** we recommend travelling by coach or minibus to Stowe House. Your coach can drop off and collect or park onsite.

## Contact us

Full information on how to book plus our terms and conditions for learning groups can be found on our website [www.stowehouse.org](http://www.stowehouse.org).

Or you can email the learning team [community&learning@stowe.co.uk](mailto:community&learning@stowe.co.uk).



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