

Young Henry

Teacher notes

Duration: 60 minutes

Meeting Point: Unicorn Statue

Henry VIII began his reign full of fun and energy. However, the break with Rome marked a turning point in English history and a series of key events meant that Henry began to change into the obese tyrant we recognise today.

Children will develop their drama skills by acting out key events from Henry's early life as a monarch, thinking critically and weighing evidence, to discover why the monarch changed so dramatically in later life, and the impact that this had on the country as a whole.

Learning Objectives:

Children will:

- Discover through drama about events throughout Henry's reign that resulted in the break with the Roman Church.
- Find out about Henry's personality, lifestyle and appearance in the early years of his reign, and why Hampton Court would have appealed to him.
- Discover why Henry's personality changed as he got older.

National Curriculum Links

This session supports:

History

- Understanding the methods of historical enquiry;
- Extending chronological knowledge beyond 1066 – theme of the changing role of the monarch

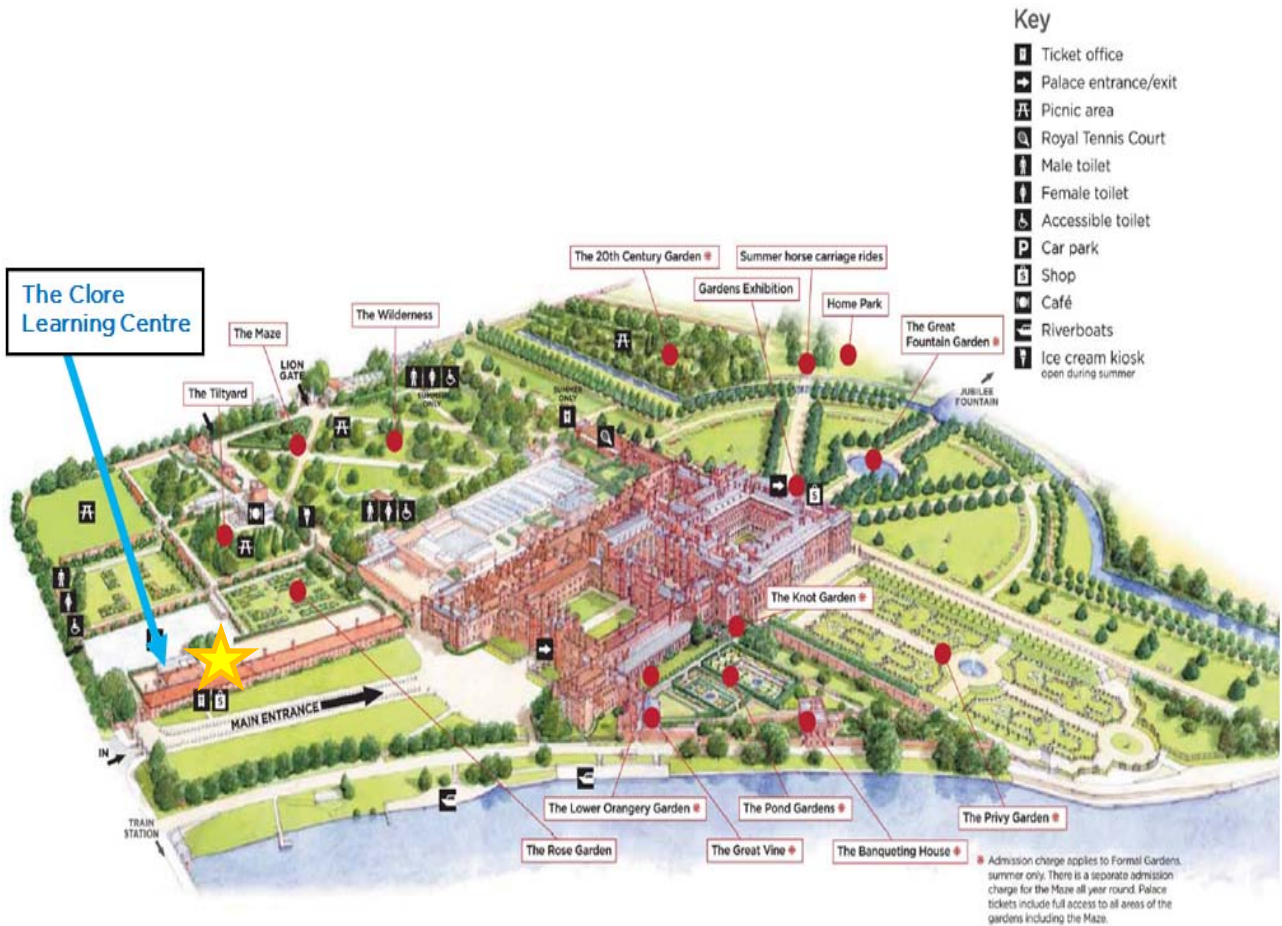
English – spoken language

- Developing the artistic practice of drama; speaking and listening.



During your session:

Please note that the 1:10 staff to pupil ratio which we ask for throughout your visit still applies during your learning session. We ask that sufficient adults remain with the group as they will be encouraged to join in with the session activities. For Health & Safety reason, our sessions are for a maximum of 35 pupils.



The session your group has booked with us takes place in one of our Learning Spaces.

Please meet your workshop presenter by the Unicorn statue next to the Clore Learning Centre, shown as a star on the map above. This is where your costumed session presenter will meet you at your allocated start time. We recommend being there a few minutes early.

For your information, parts of this session may include time outside so please encourage your pupils to dress accordingly.