

Questioning the Past through Costume

Teacher notes

Duration: **60 minutes**

Meeting Point: **Entrance to Learning Centre**

What can clothes tell us about the person who is wearing them? The Tudors made expert use of clothing to express wealth and status.

This session provides children with the opportunity to study luxurious replica garments to understand materials, money and rank and to identify similarities and differences between Tudor and modern clothing, and the lives of the rich and poor.

Two pupils will be able to dress up in full Tudor costume, and every child will be able to try on items of replica Tudor clothing and accessories.

Learning objectives

Children will:

- Find out about the types of clothing worn by individuals in the Tudor period, particularly in the royal court.
- Use their knowledge to draw comparisons between their own lives and the lives of people in the Tudor period.
- Have a sense of empathy for what it would be like wearing the clothes and how it would affect behaviour.

National Curriculum links

This session supports:

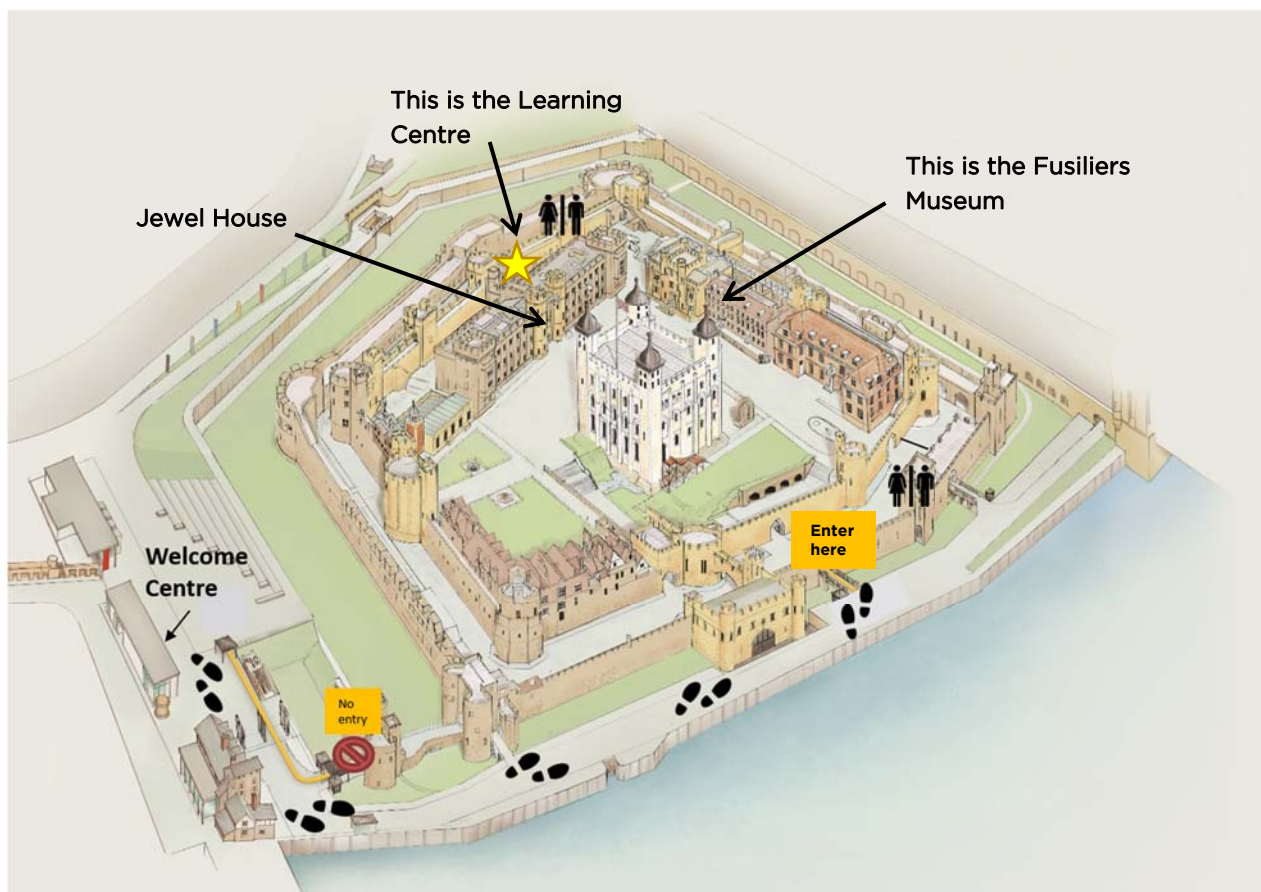
- Development of historical enquiry skills.
- Participating in discussions, presentations, performances, role play, improvisations and debates.
- Identifying similarities and differences between ways of life in different periods.

During your session:

Please note that the 1:10 staff to child 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 children.



Please meet your session presenter at the **Entrance to the Learning Centre**. This is marked on the map below with a star.



- Head to the back of the Jewel House, walking past the Fusiliers Museum.
- Continue past the visitor toilets until you come across a chain with a sign saying “No entry except for booked school parties”.
- Pass over this; the entrance to the Learning Centre will be on your left.

This is where your costumed session presenter will meet you at your allocated start time. We recommend being there a few minutes early.

