



# Sarehole Mill

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## It's all change at Sarehole Mill for 2011

Sarehole Mill is a beautiful working water mill set in Hall Green in the suburbs of Birmingham with lots to offer your children for a school visit. Yes - we can do all the traditional visits still but why not think about us when planning your Creative Curriculum activities?

Water, water everywhere – get creative! It's not just rivers and a working water mill. How about inspiring creative thinking, some orienteering, a bit of storytelling, water issues in the Third World?

Are Victorians your theme? Well come and learn about the Miller's Apprentice. Find out about the dust, the dirt, the poor working conditions and the danger. Learn about the superstitions and tales surrounding mills.

Of course we can still offer the ever-popular Little Red Hen to KS1 and Bread Making, Forces and Materials to KS2, but we have such a fantastic resource that we can cover many more areas. Did you know we have a good selection of Victorian farming machines or a steam engine? Were you aware of the fabulous habitats that the mill pond provides? Call or email with your requests for bespoke sessions and we'll do our best to help.

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Taught sessions cost £3.50 per head (£2.50 Birmingham LEA schools). Alternatively a special subscription scheme is available. Participate in four – six sessions every year and pay a single subscription of £350 per year (£250 Birmingham LEA schools). Additional sessions charged per head. For more details of the subscription scheme across all our sites email [SchoolsBookingsBMAG@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:SchoolsBookingsBMAG@birmingham.gov.uk) or call 0121 303 3890. Accompanying teachers and adults are free.



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Looking for inspiration at Sarehole Mill? Here are a few ideas.

## **The Wheels at the Mill...**

This is an introductory session for Foundation stage. Learn about the Mill and its surroundings through the medium of familiar rhymes.

## **Little Red Hen**

This session supports Literacy work in KS1. Re-enact the tale around Sarehole Mill with Little Red Hen and her friends and then bake the bread. This is a fabulous session for KS1 pupils, a great way to inspire literacy. Don't forget your camera; if time permits all your pupils can dress up Victorian style.

## **The Miller's Apprentice**

This is an interactive session to find out about Victorian childhood for KS2. The children will all become Miller's apprentices. Find out first hand about the dust, the dirt, the dangers and the poor working conditions. Learn about the superstitions and tales surrounding Mills.

## **Little Red Hen – The Sequel**

Using Little Red Hen as a familiar starting point, children will consider the ethical and moral issues around growing wheat and making flour and bread in Britain and Ethiopia. This is a cross-curricular session with links also to History, Literacy, Drama and D&T. The children will experience many activities and approaches to learning. This is ideal for harvest time and Black History Month. Suitable for upper KS1 & KS2.

## **What on Earth?**

You and your class can enjoy an exploration of the great outdoors in the Shire Country Park surrounding Sarehole Mill, to coincide with the International Year of Biodiversity 2010. This is a cross-curricular approach to learning with activities adapted to the changing seasons. The session will encourage enjoyment and appreciation of the countryside, enable pupils to explore their creativity and develop their knowledge and skills in the great outdoors.

## **Water Water Everywhere...**

We can be very flexible in our approach to these topics. We can tailor this to your Geography schemes of work investigating the River Cole or alternatively we can combine it with 'What on Earth?' for a truly cross-curricular session.

## **Materials / Can Buildings Speak?**

Explore the buildings and materials of the Mill with lots of engaging activities. Learn how materials such as clay, wood, glass, metal and stone were used at Sarehole Mill.

## **Feel the Force**

This is an interactive session looking at forces at work in the Mill. Children will find out about friction, gravity, gears and pulleys; they will investigate what happens and why.

## **Our Daily Bread**

The children will learn how the Mill turned wheat into flour, have a go themselves and then with the children's help we make bread for you to take back to school.

## **The Father Christmas Letters**

J.R.R. Tolkien spent many happy childhood years exploring the surrounds of Sarehole Mill and Moseley Bog. His time spent there inspired many of his writings. This special festive visit will allow you to explore Tolkien's magical Christmas world. We will use storytelling and drama techniques to bring the stories to life supported by arts and crafts to illustrate.

## **Interested? Want to make a booking?**

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Or make an online booking request at  
[www.schoolsliaison.org.uk](http://www.schoolsliaison.org.uk)

Priority bookings will be given to schools within the Hodge Hill, Ladywood, Erdington & Perry Barr constituencies.



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