

Exploring the Wider World Project – Enriching Experiences

As part of the Exploring the Wider World Project, a number of enriching experiences will be on offer to all PVI settings in Stoke. We have tried to base these on experiences your children may not have had before or are unlikely to experience often. They are the type of experiences that are based in children's interests and we have tried to cover a breadth of interests. If you have any further ideas, do please let me or your Associate know and we will do our best to make it happen.



Meet a...

Storyteller

In public performance spaces across the 6 towns or in your setting

Alan Barrett is a local story teller who is interactive and well known locally. He makes up stories based in Stoke or can re-tell loved stories such as 'We are going on a bear hunt'. By going to a performance space your children will have a theatre-type experience which some of them may never have had. You could invite your families to support you to get there, thereby giving them a theatre type experience too.

Dancer

In performance spaces across the 6 towns or in the setting

Seeing a dance performance. Young children often love to dance and may not have seen dancers dance live. This will give them an opportunity to do this. Children will be able to watch a short presentation and then work collaboratively to produce a dance they can all join in with.

Musician

In performance spaces across the 6 towns or in the setting

Listening to live tuned instruments. Young children hear lots of recorded music and play non-tuned instruments. This will give them and their families, if they accompany you, an opportunity to hear a tuned instrument such as an Accordion or a Double Bass. They can talk with the musician and find out what the instrument can do. They will be given a chance to have a go.

Artist

At a studio or in your setting

Art is important for children to be able to express themselves and to be able to represent the world as they experience it. Having an artist come to visit or for children to see the artist in their studio will help them to see that this is an occupation which may appeal to them. It may be a potter, a print maker, a weaver to name but a few. It may also mean that children can experience media that they haven't yet experienced.

Port Vale Football Club

Port Vale Football Stadium Tour

Visit the Stadium. Seeing the stadium on a non-match day is quite an experience. The pitch is the second biggest in the UK, the only larger one being Wembley Stadium. See the behind the scenes of what goes on at a football stadium. If the team are training your children can meet the team and see them train. This will be a great experience if you have children and families who are football mad.

Find out

Finding out about food growing

Allotment visit

Root 'n' Fruit. This is an allotment which grows food for community use. Children can see how food is grown and if they go in the different seasons it will provide a meaningful experience to talk about changes over time and to talk about life cycles as well as think about being part of a social conscience.

Potclay Factory Tour

This opportunity will enable children to see first hand how the clay is worked before it goes to the factory to be turned into chinaware. They can see the process and find out how the clay is produced. One of the machines was bought from Cadbury's world but now instead of crushing cocoa beans goes to make the clay.

Rowtype Printers Factory Tour

An opportunity to see machines in action and to see how books etc are made. This will be a great opportunity to compare small scale machines that you have in your setting with large scale commercial machines. Seeing the range of roles that are needed to make a book, is an added bonus

Make a...

Make a memory or a Christmas decoration

Clay is central to the history of Stoke. This experience will enable children to come back to a project just like a commercial artist. Children can make a memory or a Christmas decoration depending on their beliefs. They will experience using glazes and slips whilst they make their decoration and transfer skills they have learnt with playdough to clay.

Play with clay (for families)

Play with clay – clay has played a vital role in Stoke's past and provides many opportunities for developing muscles and language. Families will be given an opportunity to go to Westport pottery for a supported 'play with clay session'

Pizza

Going to a restaurant – many young children don't go out to restaurants. This is an opportunity to take a small group of children to a restaurant to make, cook, and eat a pizza.

Living things

Farm on Wheels **An opportunity to get close to arrange of live animals.** Young children are often fascinated by animals. You will be able to choose from a range of furry and feathered animals which come in a variety of sizes and ages.

Go on...

A Barge **An opportunity to explore first hand what life on a barge was like.** The canal and transporting goods was so central to Stoke's past. Barges come in a variety of shapes, sizes and colours. Westport Pottery have got a barge that the children can use to find out what life would have been like for canal workers.

How to book

Use the following form to indicate your preference of enriching experiences:
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/stokeenrichingexperiences>

Think about how you might follow your children's interests, and please submit your top four preferences for experiences that will support this. We will then email you to confirm possible dates and set up the experience listed as your first preference as soon as possible. We will try to offer your other preferences within the time-frame of the Project, subject to availability and funding.

Please ensure you have ranked your preferences by the **20th September** so we can look to get your first choice experience booked in.

Question or queries

If you'd like to discuss the options above, or have any queries about the process, please contact the Project Lead, Caroline Eaton, via: caroline@early-education.org.uk

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