



EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES: RECEPTION/EARLY YEARS

Nene Valley Railway Education Team offers a range of activities that can be used to enhance or support your school curriculum. Alternatively the activities could be offered as part of an extension programme or included in end of term 'Activity' days.

Outlined below are the core activities that we offer and have proved to be most popular with the schools who visit. In addition we can also offer subject specific experiences in Mathematics, Science, Design Technology, Humanities and English.

If you do not see anything that quite meets your requirements, please do contact us - education@nvr.org.uk to discuss a programme that would suit you.

Specific curriculum links have been identified for you in our *Cross Curriculum Links* document.

A price guide for the activities can be found at the end of the document

STATION TOUR

Probably our most popular education experience for all ages at NVR is the comprehensive, curriculum based STATION TOUR. After an initial meet and greet, your school group will be divided into smaller groups for the purpose of the tour. We try to have a maximum of 15 children per group but this cannot always be guaranteed.

An Education Team volunteer will accompany the group and lead the tour, answering any questions required and pointing out relevant trains and articles around the station. If you have any specific information that you would like shared with your students, please inform us via the booking form.

The key areas that we visit on the tour are: the signal box, the workshop, the static engines, the platform and footbridge.

LESSONS

The lessons/activities that we offer are delivered by an NVR Education Team volunteer. They can be booked in conjunction with the station tour OR as a stand-alone activity to be delivered prior to or after the train ride.

As previously notes, if you do not find anything below that specifically meets your requirements then please contact us on education@nvr.org.uk.



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THE LITTLE BLUE ENGINE

As everyone knows, NVR is home to a very famous Little Blue Engine.

This entertaining story explains where the little blue engine was made, where he worked and how he eventually became Thomas, the very famous tank engine.

The language used is age appropriate and visual aids are used to explain aspects of the lesson.

The children will sit on carpets/mats around the reader.

PENDER AND THE FORGETFUL FIREMAN

This interactive story helps the children to understand the role of the FIREMAN and DRIVER on a steam train and how STEAM is made to power the engine. As Fred forgets what he has to do, the children must help him remember.

As this story is interactive, we will encourage adults and children to participate.

The story of the forgetful fireman can be told using a powerpoint or traditionally on the carpet/mats, sat round the reader.

HELGA TO THE RESCUE

When a steam engine breaks down what is the driver to do? Call upon the help of a diesel train of course. Through the story of Helga to the Rescue the children will learn about different types of transport (which can be seen at Wansford and Overton Station), how they are powered and why they are each important in their own way.

This story links well to class topics on TRANSPORT.

The group will sit on the carpet/mats around the reader who will use visual aids for additional explanation



A SPECIAL DELIVERY

Have you ever wondered how letters and parcels were delivered around the country before lorries drove along the motorways? Probably not, as they just seemed to arrive - like magic.

This 'Rail Mail' lesson will allow the children to follow the journey of a birthday card as it makes its way from the post box, onto the mail train and safely into the hands of birthday boy, James.

Starting with a short video (10 minutes), the children can then 'have a go' at being a postman and sorting the mail into pigeon holes.

NB: if you would like to develop this lesson further, please contact us to discuss whether a trip to Overton - to the travelling post office - is available. The Overton experience includes visiting the inside of the carriage and seeing the mail nets and hooks (where the sacks of letters were collected/distributed) activated. Price available on request.

PRICE GUIDE

| Activity/Lessons | Cost |
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| Train ride | £4 per child/£8 per adult return** |
| Station Tour | £50 * up to 60 children |
| The Little Blue Train | £25 |
| Pender and the Forgetful Fireman | £25 |
| Helga to the Rescue | £25 |
| A Special Delivery | £25 |

* there will be an additional charge for groups over 60.

** single tickets and platform tickets are also available.