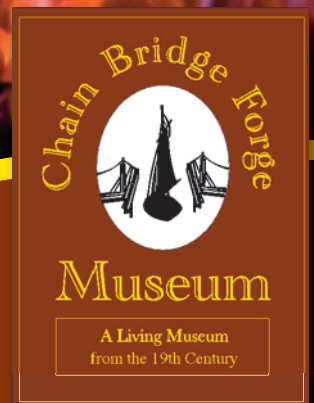


Blacksmithing – *Having Fun*



School visits at the Chain Bridge Forge, Spalding

*Creative, engaging and fun
activities for primary schools*





Blacksmithing

Young people have been working at the forge since at least the early 1800s.

In groups young visitors will have the chance to wear a blacksmith's apron, using the tools and the fire to make a metal object they can take home with them.

Risk assessments are available to download from the museum website. <http://www.southhollandlife.com/education-resources/>

All forge activities are conducted by an experienced, volunteer.

While children are working at the forge, their classmates are able to:

- Ask questions about the process
- Take pictures with digital cameras for school displays
- Make sketches of the forge
- Create word clouds and images for use in poems and stories
- Get involved with a range of other activities

As well as providing a stimulus for Literacy activities such as creative writing, the Forge Fun session supports areas of the National Curriculum including:

<p>Science:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observe and ask questions • Understand everyday materials and how they change 	<p>Art:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sketching the forge • Using different materials to capture the sights and sounds of the forge 	<p>Design:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performing practical tasks • Consider design criteria
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The practical forge activity gives children the chance to take part in an exciting creative process that they will have never experienced before, building their confidence.

Teachers are welcome to suggest different themes or topics for their visit, our volunteers are happy to help create bespoke activities to suit the needs of your school and your pupils.

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