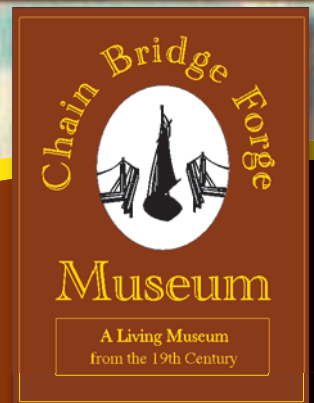


# Local History

## School visits at the Chain Bridge Forge, Spalding

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The history curriculum at Key Stages 1 and 2 makes provision for a local history study of a place 'dating from a period beyond 1066 that is significant in the locality.'

A forge has stood on this site since about 1750 and the people who lived and worked here would have witnessed many changes in the life of their town and the surrounding countryside during the Industrial Revolution and the Victorian era.

Blacksmiths were at the centre of agricultural, commercial and manufacturing development in many English towns, including Spalding – the Chain Bridge Forge could give your class the ideal setting and inspiration for a cross-curricular project.

As well as history, a visit to the Forge can take in activities to support numeracy and literacy, science, art, design and technology.

A timeline is available to help children understand the wider historical context of the Forge and its story,

Our interactive local history sessions can include:

- Tour of the forge building, with stories about those who lived there
- Walking tours of Spalding using our Historic Walks Booklet and Video
- Opportunities to link to other learning (e.g. noticing geometrical shapes from houses)
- A timeline to help children understand the wider historical context of the Forge and its story,
- Handling session with 'amazing tools' and horseshoes

## History links to Learning

A local history study based on the Chain Bridge Forge and the surrounding area can help pupils to understand the chronology of events, as well as note connections, contrasts and trends over time - increasing their historical language and helping them to ask smarter questions.

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