

# Dunwich Museum Teachers Plans



## Before your visit

- Use the [www.dunwichmuseum.org.uk](http://www.dunwichmuseum.org.uk) and other resources to find out where Dunwich is and what the village is like today. Have a look at our downloads and see if there are any you would like the children to use. If you are using the Gingerbread sheet, practice it in the playground. Use images from our **Coastal Slideshow** on your whiteboard for interesting and informative historic and contemporary photographs and maps of the Dunwich coastline.
- To learn about different **coastal processes**, with great suggestions for activities you could do at school <http://www.suffolkcoastandheaths.org/publications/coastal-knowledge-fact-sheets/>
- For books try Investigating Coasts (Explore Geography) by Fred Martin, Coasts (Popcorn; Geography Corner) by Ruth Thomson, Seas and Coasts (Our Earth in Action) by Chris Oxlade, Medieval Life ; Dorling Kindersley Eyewitness Guide
- **For class research into Medieval life-** Check out these Websites [www.learner.org/interactives/middleages](http://www.learner.org/interactives/middleages) also check out **Read more about** (on this website) which has further good links. [www.historyonthenet.org](http://www.historyonthenet.org) select **medieval life**. This website also has great colouring sheets to download. [www.philippe-auguste.com/uk](http://www.philippe-auguste.com/uk) This is about medieval Paris but has good information on life in a medieval town, with contemporary illustrations. [www.historyforkids.org](http://www.historyforkids.org) choose **Middle ages**, then headings under **Medieval daily life**. [www.virtue.to/articles](http://www.virtue.to/articles) - great for hats and costumes. [www.kidspast.com](http://www.kidspast.com) you need to use the menu down the side , select **World history**, then **chapter 12, medieval Europe**. This site has loads of topics, fairly well presented, but is easy to get off track [www.dunwichmuseum.org](http://www.dunwichmuseum.org) medieval history page.
- Suggested topics to research for medieval life; types of jobs, housing, clothing, travel and transport, trade, technology, the use of seals, the social structure and the importance of the church and religion. This could be done through sorting pictures in a 'Medieval or Not' style game.
- In your literacy class you could give our Character scrolls to a group or groups of children, to study and hot seat characters at school or on the day of your visit.
- **Safety issues;** Before you go ensure that the children are aware of safety issues.

**You must not go close to the edge of the cliff as it is extremely unstable and may be undercut.**

**Children must not climb on the ruins as masonry is loose in places.**

**The ground is uneven in places and part of the route is along a road with no pavement**

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