



Myers-Insole Local Learning Community Interest Company

Tudor Trails

Myers-Insole Local Learning CIC invites you and your school to participate in their walk around **Tudor Bristol**.

The walk will take the form of an interactive guided tour where groups of children will be shown the sites of Tudor Bristol and meet some of the characters such as the beggar woman, ship's captain and ratcatcher who lived and worked in 16th century Bristol.



The beggar woman collecting alms.


Walks will be led by a local historian and are appropriate for any age, though we suggest that year groups who have studied the Tudors will get the most out of the visit.

The walks will start at Bristol Central Library where one group will visit our virtual journey round Tudor Bristol using the Library computer facilities with literacy learning advisor, Ruth Myers, while the other group make the real journey with archaeologist and historian, Peter Insole, before the groups swap over for the second session.

If necessary we can arrange free transport from your school to the library, picking up at 9.15 and returning to school for lunchtime.

We welcome and encourage parents and carers to accompany the children on the Tudor walk and can easily accommodate pre-school age siblings.

We have taken Year 3 children and their parents from St Michael-on-the-Mount Primary School on the Tudor walk and have included some of their comments.



St Michael on the Mount School Newsletter


Tudor walk

Year 3 had a very exciting Tudor walk in the city centre on Tuesday. Here are two examples of their writing about the trip which involved actors taking on the different roles.

"We saw a constable who was standing by the town walls. He caught the pick pocket. He showed us where to go.

We saw a beggar. She asked us for money. The beggar was afraid of the constable. Before the walk, I did not know that a cloth seller was a mercer." **Moira**

"We saw the beggar. She was begging for money. Her back was leaning and her hands were shaking. We gave her a lot of money. We saw the rat catcher. He caught lots of rats and put them in a bag. After he put the rats in the bag he threw them in the river. We saw the widow wintner. She was miserable because her husband died. She agreed to buy our wine. Before the walk I did not know that Bristol was so small." **Xavier**



Both the walk and the computer activity have been designed to link with Key Stage 2 History topics about the Tudors. There are several follow on activities linked to the virtual trail that provide cross curricular literacy opportunities based on the National Literacy Strategy.

We suggest that a minimum of two staff from the school accompany the children on the trails, one for the work in the library and one for the walk.

The trails will run on Tuesday and Thursday mornings during term time starting on June 28th and continuing until October 30th.

There are a limited number of spaces so booking will be required.

We look forward to seeing you in the summer.

For bookings and further information please contact **Pete Insole** or **Ruth Myers**

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*Hoefnagle's map of Bristol, 1581
courtesy of Bristol's Museums, Galleries & Archives.*