

Château du Broutel visit: 12th February – 16st February 2023



5th July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Since 2014, we have been taking a group of Y6 pupils to stay in a beautiful French château in northern France. During the trip, the pupils have the opportunity to speak and listen to the French language as often as possible while staying in an 18th Century Château. The trip is designed to build on the work pupils currently do within the classroom and to develop an increased confidence in French, whilst also experiencing French culture at first hand. Our aim is to give each child a real appreciation of France and hopefully an increase in motivation to practise their language skills when they return to the UK.

As you may have heard, our visits have been a great success so we would like to give pupils currently in Year 5 a similar opportunity, next February. Next year, the trip will last for five days and four nights. Read on for further details...

Proposed activities



Local Market Visit

During our visit, the pupils will be encouraged to buy French market produce by speaking to stall-holders in French.



World War I museum, battlefield and cemetery

During our visit to la musée de la Somme in Albert, pupils will learn details about the First World War through interactive displays and commentary. Afterwards, at Beaumont-Hamel memorial, pupils will explore at first hand a battle site, before visiting the Y Ravine cemetery to pay their respects to the fallen.



Cow farm visit

The farmer will give us a bi-lingual tour of the farm and a demonstration of how to milk. Then we will have an opportunity to make butter to taste on fresh French bread.



Treasure Hunt in Rue & Visit to the Café

Groups will visit the historical village of Rue, which is within easy walking distance of Le Château du Broutel. Each group (accompanied by an instructor) will listen to stories about local history before visiting the café to order a drink.



Chocolate factory Visit

This visit will include a demonstration in French, with pupils being asked to record key aspects of the visit. They will have the opportunity to sample chocolate as well as to buy souvenirs to bring home.

Evening Entertainment

An organised programme will be offered to the pupils after their evening meal, from 7 – 8.30pm, by the Château team of instructors, so they can enjoy some fun after a full active day.

Suggested Programme

Time of Day	am	pm	Evening
Monday	Travel to Le Château to arrive for evening meal		Chateau Olympics
Tuesday	Local Cemetery & Market visit, Étaples	Chocolate making demonstration	Scavenger Hunt
Wednesday	Orienteering & Obstacle Course	Cow farm visit	Tracking & camouflage
Thursday	Somme museum, Albert & WW1 memorials	World War 1 battlefields	Camp fire
Friday	Rue treasure hunt and café visit	Travel home	

Board & Accommodation

Le Château du Broutel dates back to 1714 and is situated in over 40 acres of beautiful grounds, which include a private lake, lawns and wooded areas. It is situated on the edge of the small historical town of Rue, located 5 minutes off the A16 motorway which links Calais - Amiens - Paris. The pupils will be sleeping in 5 – 8 bedded en-suite rooms.



Pupils will bring a packed lunch from home for the outward journey. All other meals will be provided by Le Château chef, except for Tuesday lunch (which we will eat in a restaurant in Etaples) and tea on our homeward journey, which we will buy from a service station en route, once back in England.

Travel arrangements

We will be travelling by coach, leaving around 4.15am on Monday 12th February. We will cross the English Channel at lunchtime by ferry, before completing the final leg of our journey (approximately an hour) to the Château where we should arrive early in the evening. During our trip, we will either walk, or use the coach as our method of transport to visit the local attractions outlined above.

For our return journey, we will leave Le Château after lunch. Our crossing will depart at around 3.55pm, so we will aim to return to school by 11.00pm.

Cost

The full cost of the trip, including travel, accommodation, all meals (except for lunch on the first day), activities and visits, a group passport and travel insurance will be **£495**. If you would like your child to have some spending money whilst they are in France, we suggest a maximum of 30 Euros. If you would like your child to participate, please register your interest by following the link and completing the Microsoft Form by 13th July. We will need to collect a first deposit of £95 by Friday 21st July.

Four subsequent payments of £100 will be due on 30th September, October, November & December.

We need a minimum of 27 children to run the trip. A payment plan will be set up on SchoolMoney when we know we have enough children interested. You will be able to part pay towards each instalment providing the total amount is paid by the due date.

For further details about the chateau please visit www.chateaudubroutel.com

Mrs Oliver and Mrs Prince

