

Cromford Canvas: Print, Make, Create KS1/EYFS

A fully planned day with one led workshop and two self-led activities. Alternatively, for an extra charge, Cromford staff can lead all the activities.

Cromford Mills sits within the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage site. Your class will explore and learn about this special site with its huge mill buildings and wonderful wildlife; they will then have a go at creating amazing artwork inspired by the site and artists such as L.S Lowry, Paul Klee and Andy Goldsworthy.

Cromford staff led workshop

After exploring the mill yard pupils will have access to a wide range of materials and paint and experiment with different printing techniques. They will use Cromford Mills as inspiration to create a large scale printed mural artwork linked to the work of Paul Klee using 'blocks' of colour and bold shapes.

Self-led activities

All resources and instructions will be provided on the day. Detailed guidance on the activities can be sent in advance if requested.

- L.S Lowry inspired activity including a shape hunt and guidance on sketching part of the mill building.
- Sculptors – be inspired by natural materials, the surrounding landscape and the work of Andy Goldsworthy to create your own temporary natural material group sculptures or alternatively use plasticine to create a sculpture for the mill yard and check how it would look in our diorama.

Arkwright Experience

Meet Sir Richard Arkwright inside the award-winning Arkwright Experience, where CGI technology brings this man of history to life. Discover how he went from humble beginnings to become the richest commoner in the country with tales of his inventions, cotton spinning empire and espionage! **Please note this activity costs an extra 50p per child and requires advance booking.**

Visit programme

The day is designed either as a standalone experience with no prior knowledge of the site needed, or to support your wider learning around Cromford Mills. Staff-led and self-led activities are designed to last one hour each and can fit into the suggested timetable below in any order.

9.30	Arrival and introduction to the site and Cromford Mills staff
9.45	Session 1
10.45	Break
11.00	Session 2
12.00	Lunch – either in the Education room, or in nice weather in the mill yard
12.45	Arkwright Experience - optional
1.00	Session 3
2.00	Conclude the day and prepare to leave
2.30	Depart Cromford Mills

Pre / Post visit activities

For additional resources about Cromford Mills follow this link <https://www.cromfordmills.org.uk/primary-school> or look on the Cromford Mills website and follow the link through 'Learning' where you will find a downloadable collection of pdf documents.

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