

# Sculpture in the Park

EYFS Teachers Pack



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# About Compton Verney

Compton Verney is a national art museum set in 120 acres of fabulous Georgian parkland, only eight miles from Stratford-upon-Avon. We are a registered charity, with the aim of providing an inspiring and entertaining day out for visitors of all ages and backgrounds – whether they have come to see our international art exhibitions, to take part in our wide-ranging activities, to enjoy the diverse features of our extensive landscape, or simply to spend time in our celebrated shop and award-winning restaurant.

Compton Verney seeks to reinforce its position as a nationally and internationally recognised art gallery by continuing to increase visitor numbers and improve the visitor experience, by securing adequate resources to sustain the organisation in the long term, by building our profile locally, regionally, nationally and internationally, and by developing collaborative partnerships with other major institutions and collections.

Compton Verney will celebrate 20 years as an art gallery in 2024.

The education offer is developed and designed by artists, creative and education experts. We aim to deliver high-quality cultural experiences, which inspire the next generation.

The education team have recently been short-listed for the *Kids in Museum, Family Friends Museum Award 2023*.





# About *Sculptures in the Park*

Compton Verney sculptures explore the fascinating idea of an ideal community. The exhibition tells a story of fitting in, friendship and fairness through the works of internationally acclaimed artists. These creative minds showcase their skills in addressing these important ideas through the language of sculpture.

Works by internationally acclaimed artists such as Larry Achiampong, Louise Bourgeois, Helen Chadwick, Nicolas Deshayes, Perminder Kaur and Augustus Serapinas sit alongside a major new site specific work by Brazilian artist Erika Verzutti, commissioned by Compton Verney.

This new work launches the beginning of a biennial commission series, inviting artists to respond to the unique landscape and its history at Compton Verney.



# About the workshop

In the morning students will visit Compton Verney's *Sculptures in the Park* with a member of the Learning Team. They will look at and discuss the sculptures. They will be encouraged to respond to what they see both verbally and physically. The trail will be playful, active and fun!

The children will then have the opportunity to work in small groups to investigate, play and create their own sculpture using a variety of materials.

Practitioners in our team comprise Early Years specialists, teachers and creative educators. We understand that learning takes place through exploration, play and sensory experiences and are used to adapting to meet needs as they arise. The session has been designed to fully engage your small learners!

1. Explore the grounds
2. Have a guided tour of *Sculptures in the Park*.
3. Take part in a practical group workshop making your own sculpture

## Key information

Workshop timings 10am – 2.00pm

Availability – From April 2024

Maximum capacity 35 per individual workshop. We can accommodate 2 classes at once.

## How to book

Email: [learning@comptonverney.org.uk](mailto:learning@comptonverney.org.uk) Tel: 01926 645563

# Learning Objectives

- To engage with an interactive art experience
- To explore the sculptures, making observations.
- To safely use and explore a variety of materials, experimenting with design, texture, colour and form.
- To make use of props and materials when playing and creating.
- Invent, adapt and recount narratives and stories with peers and their teacher

# Learning Outcomes

- Understanding of sculpture and how artists communicate ideas.
- Work with others to produce their own sculpture.
- Gain an increased understanding of the natural world around them.
- Give their own thoughts and opinions about what they have seen.



# Itinerary

10am – 10.30am

Meet at the Welcome Centre for an introduction to the day.  
Guided walk to the Learning Centre exploring the sculptures en route.

10:30am -10:40 pm

Opportunity for a snack break.

10.45 – 11.30

An interactive tour of the sculptures.

11.30pm – 12.30pm

Lunch – outside or learning studio depending on the weather. Play time.

12.30pm – 1:45pm

Students will use a variety of materials in groups to make their own sculpture.

1:45pm – 2.00pm

Plenary at the learning studio. Students and teachers review their day and reflect upon their time as artists for the day.



# Top Tips

## **Planning your visit and making the most of the day**

- Your group will need appropriate clothing for the weather conditions such as waterproofs, wellington boots or walking boots, long sleeved tops and trousers; sun-cream, sun hats and water bottles. Spare clothing, hats, gloves may be useful.
- Prior to your visit, please make us aware of any students with additional requirements or special needs so we can make all necessary arrangements to support your students.
- Outdoor learning workshops take outside in all weather conditions. An indoor alternative will only be sought in the case of extreme weather, this will be discussed with you as weather conditions are monitored closer to your visit.
- Your class should be divided into a maximum of 5 groups prior to arrival, with 5 - 6 students in each group with a responsible adult per group.
- We're a cashless site, please contact us in advance if you would like the children to visit the shop.
- Students will need to bring a packed lunch, and be supervised during lunch break.
- We encourage all adults to lead by example, that includes getting stuck in and having a go at the activities too!
- Teacher ratio for EYFS settings and Primary Schools 1:6
- Children 12 years old and under must be accompanied by an adult at all times. The supervising adult must be over the age of 18.
- We cannot lead workshops or tours without a teacher present.