

## History on the Hill

Hill of The O'Neill & Ranfurly House Arts & Visitor Centre is on the site of the medieval capital of Ulster, the location where the O'Neills ruled as Gaelic chieftains from 1305. It is the place that the last of the O'Neill chieftains, Hugh O'Neill, called home.

The Noble 99 gathered in Dungannon prior to the Flight of the Earls in 1607, and following their journey into exile in Rome, Arthur Chichester rebuilt the O'Neill castle in order to fashion his own military fort, referring to Dungannon as the "centre" of Ulster.

*History on the Hill* employs drama in order to assist KS1 and KS2 pupils in their understanding of the major historical events which are associated with The Hill of The O'Neill in Dungannon:

- KS1 pupils listen to storytelling from a big book, take a guided tour of the Hill of The O'Neill and then watch a puppet show;
- KS2 pupils actively explore the exhibition on the Flight of the Earls and Plantation of Ulster with the aid of a specially created resource booklet, then take part in a guided tour of Hill of The O'Neill before participating in drama activities which are based on the events and characters associated with the Flight of the Earls and Plantation of Ulster.

The drama workshop and puppet show are facilitated by Time Steps, while the storytelling and guided tours of the exhibition and the Hill are looked after by the Education Officer.

### Learning Outcomes

#### At Key Stage 1, pupils will:

- Begin to understand historical facts relating to the Flight of the Earls and Plantation of Ulster through actively participating in a storytelling session
- Learn about historical figures connected to Hill of The O'Neill
- Learn about life in the past on the Hill of The O'Neill by watching and engaging with a puppet show

#### At Key Stage 2, pupils will:

- Engage with historical facts relating to the Flight of the Earls and Plantation of Ulster through a guided tour of the permanent exhibition and the Hill of The O'Neill
- Individually, and in small groups, learn about the history associated with the site by making a study of the exhibition and completing pupil booklets
- Participate in a drama activity which furthers their knowledge of the history of this period

*History on the Hill* begins at 10.00am each day and concludes at 12.30pm. There will be a break at approximately 11.00am. As part of this activity is held outside, pupils should arrive at the centre appropriately dressed.

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