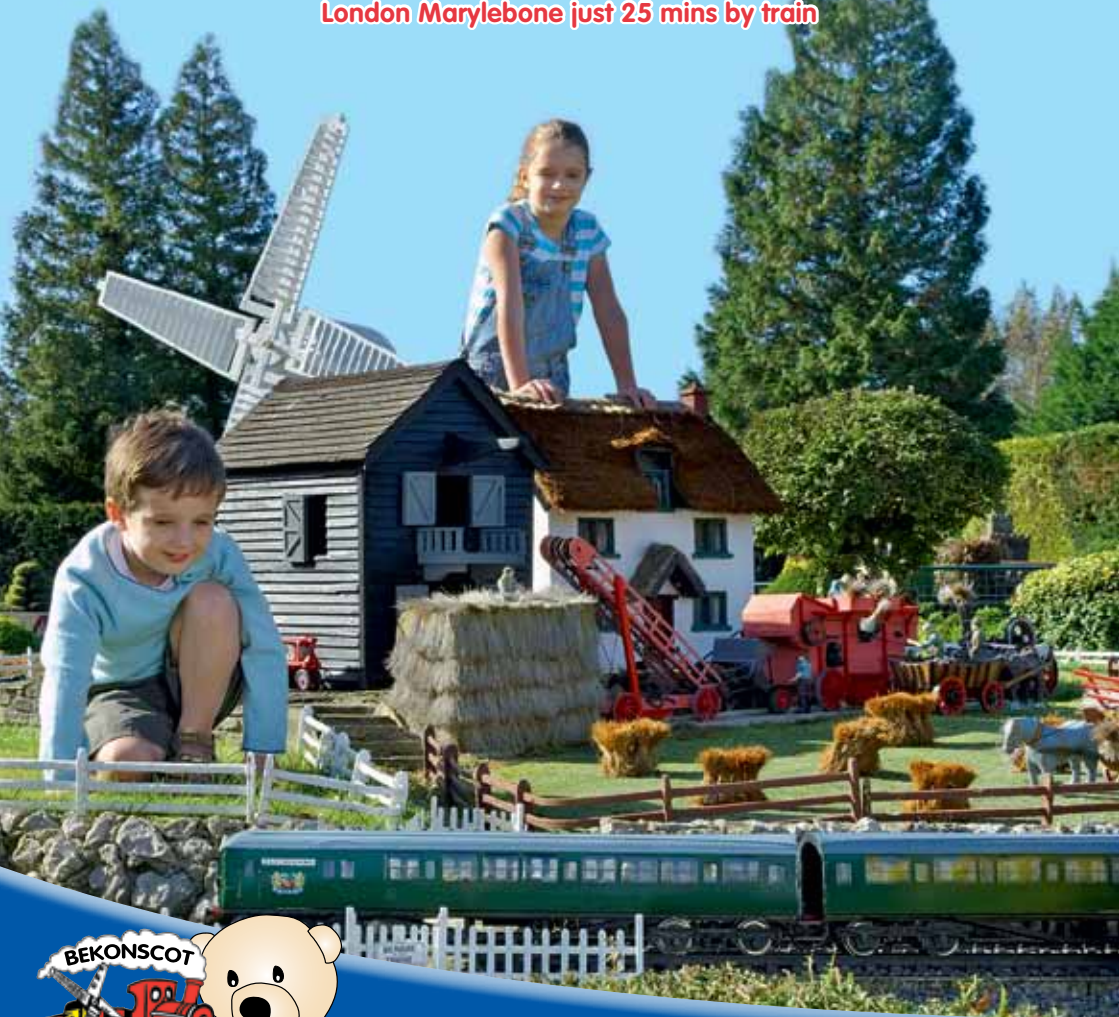


Bekonscot

Model Village & Railway

Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire HP9 2PL: M40 J2 (M25 J16)
London Marylebone just 25 mins by train



Education Pack 2011

Open daily 10a.m. to 5p.m.
19th February to 30th October

Dear Teacher

2011 SEASON - BEKONSCOT MODEL VILLAGE & RAILWAY

An ideal place to bring children for educational visits combined with pleasure, Bekonscot depicts rural England in the 1930's. An unforgettable experience for everyone – this unique piece of heritage is just waiting to be explored. A miniature world where time has stood still for over eighty years with a gauge 1 model railway weaving its way through the village. There are remote controlled boats*, a sit-on 7¼ inch railway*, kiddie rides* and many moving models. *Small extra charge for these.

Our Education Pack is designed to capture the children's imagination and give them an insight to the 1930s, with a wide application to curriculum.

The children may **WALK** round Bekonscot as many times as they like in order not to miss any small fascinating detail. Children **MUST** be supervised by an adult at all times, especially when on the elevated walkway, in the play area and around the water. High Supervision when children using toilet facilities.

SUGGESTED PREVIEW WORK

Discuss the social climate of the time - the differences between living in urban and in rural areas. Compare the twenty-first century and the 1930s - attitudes, diet, technology, housing, industry, and architecture.

FOLLOW UP WORK - 'THINGS TO DO'

Suggestions for English exercises.

We hope we can share with you and your pupils the wonderland that is Bekonscot.

All our profits go to charity

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THE BOOKING FORM

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Newman-Smith". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'S' at the end.

Brian Newman-Smith
Managing Director

RISK ASSESSMENT (02/11) - Group Visits

OUTSIDE THE PREMISES	Potential Hazard	Control Measures
Alighting from coach/mini bus	Other vehicles using the coach/ car park	Keep charges under strict supervision and tight formation.
Movement from vehicle to entrance to model village	Vehicles using coach/car parks and road users	Charges to be kept in crocodile formation - at least one adult at front and one at rear
No pedestrian crossing on road	Traffic using road	When road is clear of traffic a supervisor should stand in the middle of the road, preferably one either end of crocodile until all charges have crossed.
Minimal risk once the road has been crossed		Reverse the procedure when leaving.

THE PREMISES

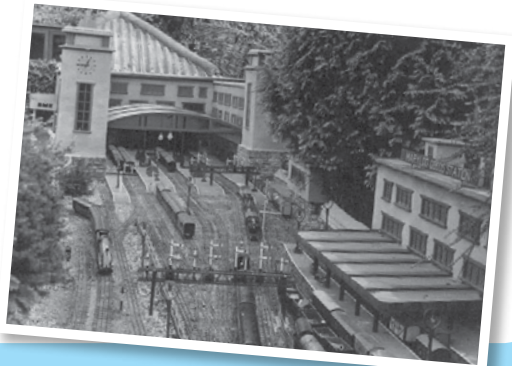
DEEP WATER There are several areas in the model village where waterways are close to the footpath	Care should be taken by supervisors that their charges do not cross or climb barriers and do not endanger themselves by falling in the water	Should an incident occur – inform a member of staff immediately after rescue. If any of your party have first-aid skills please use immediately.
Play Area	There are safety surfaces under the play equipment but children should be supervised by teachers / adults at all times.	Should an incident occur – inform a member of staff immediately. First aid available from first aid room adjacent to the Tea Room.
Wasp/Bee stings	Although we endeavour to discourage wasps and bees, inevitably they will be about, particularly in vicinity of rubbish bins. Please warn children to keep away from these areas.	First aid available from first aid room adjacent to the Tea Room.
Possible splinters from wooden fences, tables and wooden structures, etc.	Please warn children that many of the fences, tables and wooden structures may have splinters	If necessary, plasters are available from the first aid room adjacent to the Tea Room.
Fence on walkway	Please warn children and supervise at all times on walkway. Children not to climb up fence.	First aid available in first aid room adjacent to the Tea Room.

NOTE: First Aid Room is located between the Tea Room and Toilets.

Interesting Facts about the 1930s

- 1929 London – first 22 public telephone boxes installed.
Anne Frank born in Holland.
First in-flight movie Universal Air Line.
- 1930 Malcolm Campbell Sets new land speed record in Blue Bird – 245 mph
Arthur Conan Doyle Creator of Sherlock Holmes dies.
Amy Johnson flew solo from Britain to Australia – 10,000 miles.
- 1931 Thomas Edison dies, helped develop telephone, electric light and moving pictures.
King decides to take pay cut of £50,000 a year while economic crisis lasts.
UK Unemployment Stands at 2.7 million.
- 1932 Hit song “The sun has got his hat on”.
Unemployment blamed for rise in crime.
World’s longest under water tunnel built beneath Mersey – took 7 years and cost £7 million.
- 1933 Sainsbury’s shops sell butter at one shilling per pound, eggs, one shilling per dozen, and tea at ten pence a pound.
London - study says hospital out-patient departments should be improved to cut queues.
New York Premiere - KING KONG.
- 1934 Queen Mary enjoys day at Bekonscot Model Village with princess Elizabeth on her eighth birthday.
Elgar – British Composer dies.
Queen Mary – first ship over 75,000 tons launched.

- 1935 George V and Queen Mary celebrate Silver Jubilee.
Malcolm Campbell record land speed – 276.8 mph.
Ramsey MacDonald resigns for health reasons – Baldwin becomes Prime Minister.
- 1936 48,000 visitors to Bekonscot Model Village.
Kind George V dies – his son, Edward VIII, takes over.
Malcolm Campbell sets further record in Bluebird - 301.3 mph. Escapes disaster when tyre bursts at 290 mph.
- 1937 G K Chesterton Memorial Church, St Teresa's, Beaconsfield completed opp. Model Village - model made to be exhibited in Bekonscot.
Neville Chamberlain becomes Prime Minister.
Coronation of George VI & Queen Elizabeth at Westminster Abbey.
- 1938 Largest liner ever built -Queen Elizabeth – 80,000 tons.
Chamberlain Declares "It is peace in our time" after signing an agreement with Hitler and Mussolini for a peaceful solution and no war in Europe - the Anglo-German Accord.
New comic strip appears in USA - SUPERMAN.
- 1939 Churchill made First Lord of the Admiralty.
Kitchen garden at Bekonscot used for 'Dig for Victory' – all gardens and grazing land to be used to increase food production if war comes, importing difficult.
Wizard of Oz with Judy Garland released. Made stars of Scarecrow, Tin Man and Cowardly Lion.



BEKONSCOT MODEL VILLAGE: Advice for those accompanying school children during visits to the Model Village.

PLEASE: Do not allow children to run, climb on fences or houses or disturb other visitors to Bekonscot. **Supervise children whilst in the toilet block.**

Deep Water: Stay away from all lakes and ponds, and make sure children do not touch the railway line, or any of the trains and keep to the paths provided.

High Level Walkway: If used, this is an unsupervised area, keep a careful eye on children to prevent them climbing up on the front of the walkway.

Adventure Playground: This is an unsupervised area - keep a careful eye on the children in your care.

Please take your rubbish home with you or dispose of it in the bins provided.

Gift Shop: If children wish to spend money in the gift shop, please send them in individual groups of say ten at different times, so that we can provide an efficient service.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION
WE WANT BEKONSCOT TO CONTINUE TO BE A
SAFE AND PLEASANT HAVEN FOR ALL OUR VISITORS.**

TEACHERS FREE
(ratio 1 : 5)

PUPILS £5.00

Additional adults @ £5.00 each

FULL PAYMENT ON ENTRY (cheque, cash or most credit cards)

OR

WE ARE HAPPY TO INVOICE FOLLOWING YOUR VISIT

FREE COACH PARKING - PICNIC STORAGE - RAIN SHELTERS

GIFT SHOP - TEA ROOM

PLAY AREA - ELEVATED WALKWAY

GROUP/SCHOOL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TEL NO: _____ NAME OF CONTACT: _____

DATE OF VISIT: _____ APPROXIMATE TIME: _____

NUMBERS: CHILDREN ADULTS

Train rides (special school rate) 75p Yes No

*Please ensure you have sufficient adults to adequately supervise the children,
especially in the play area and the toilets.*

On receipt of this form we shall book you in the Diary. We shall NOT send confirmation unless you so indicate. Confirmation required (YES/NO)

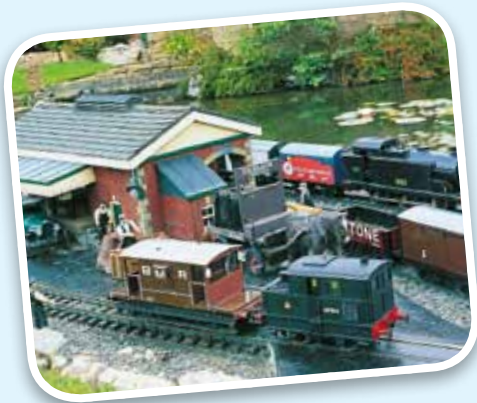
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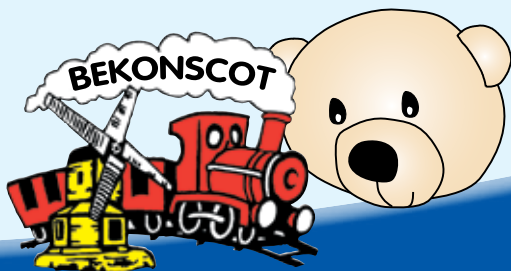
Coaches must enter the car park by Waitrose Supermarket. No passengers must be set down outside the Village entrance. **NO ENGINES ARE TO BE LEFT RUNNING IN THE CAR PARK AS THIS MAY DISTURB OUR NEIGHBOURS.**

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