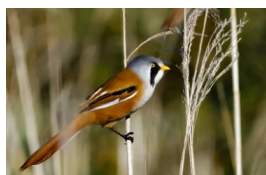


The Fens

Additional Topic-related activities for Home Learning

The nature reserve Wicken Fen is home to 9,000 recorded species! Find out more about Wicken Fen Wildlife here: <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wicken-fen-nature-reserve/features/wildlife>

You may wish to present your findings as a fact file, Power Point presentation or poster.



Find out about the **1947 flooding of the Fens**, starting with this short film clip <https://www.prickwillowmuseum.com/reporting-the-flood.html>

Imagine you were a farmer who experienced the flooding, and the efforts to rebuild afterwards. **Write a diary** to record the events and your reactions.



As we will learn, **wind pumps** were one of the inventions used to drain water from the Fens.

Test your own engineering skills by **designing and building your own windmill**. If you fancy an extra challenge, see if you can use your windmill's power to lift something from the ground, e.g. a Lego figure:



<https://www.steampoweredfamily.com/activities/wind-powered-stem-challenge/>

Do some research online to find out **which crops are grown in the Fens**. Can you find any food in your house which might have originated in the Fens?

Explore this website to find out more about where your food comes from: <https://eatfarmnow.com/category/lockdown-learning/>



Design your own 'wise woman remedy'

The fens before drainage were an unhealthy place to live. Mists, fogs and repeated flooding meant that most people suffered from the fen ague, or fen malaria. It caused intense pain in the limbs, shivering and burning fever.

Ancient remedies, derived from herbs and other surprising ingredients, could be obtained from the local Wise Woman. The Wise Woman would suggest cures we cannot find at the doctors or pharmacist today - here is one example!

Can you design a recipe for your own 'wise woman remedy'?

