



# Activity workshop information sheet

## “The scarecrow who didn’t scare”

Location: Thame Vicarage Room & Leagrave Cottages

Length of workshop: 2 hours

### Synopsis:

Using the tale of “The scarecrow who didn’t scare” we will explore the story’s characters and the harvest.

During this workshop, the children will listen to the story and then make a toy scarecrow to take home at Thame Vicarage Room. After snack time we will visit Leagrave Cottages for an introduction to the story of the wheat that the farmer grew and where flour comes from. We will then measure out the ingredients on a balancing scale together and make some bread to cook over the fire.

### Learning aims and objectives:

- To develop listening skills
- To investigate shapes, colours and textures
- To encourage imagination, creativity and self expression
- To develop hand/eye coordination
- To develop making skills
- To work together with others and take turns
- To share ideas and to use language to describe items and actions to others
- To encourage looking closely at small animals and to think about the conditions small animals need to live
- To encourage children to respect and help other people
- To encourage the children to respect small animals and treat them gently
- To develop an understanding of where our food comes from

### Practical points:

- There are photographic opportunities throughout this activity workshop.
- You need to bring your snack with you and time is provided within the activity for this.
- Please be aware that a fire will be lit during the activity workshop.
- Please be aware that the bread uses wheat flour, water, salt, bicarbonate of soda and sultanas/raisins only. Children will be able to eat what they make.
- Due to the cooking part of the workshop, children will need to wash their hands before the bread making.

### Support required from school staff:

Your staff and adult helpers will need to help the children throughout the activity.

We would appreciate your help with distributing materials to the children throughout the activity,

Your staff and adult helpers will need to ensure that the children wash their hands at the appropriate times and that the children (and adults) in your group do not stand too near the fire.

### Related areas of interest in the Museum:

- The Iron Age House, High Wycombe Toll House and Amersham Prefab – look at the houses to find out where the bread would have been baked.
- The farmyard – look at the white granary to find out where the grain was stored and look in the barn to find out how the grain was separated from the wheat (threshed).