

Workshops

The following are workshops we have delivered previously and know work!

Our most popular workshop is our Ancient Egyptians beliefs about life after death. Lots of schools use it not only as part of their history curriculum but also as a way to enhance their literacy.

We will try to tailor all workshops to the individual needs of your children if you let us know their requirements in advance.

We welcome the opportunity to develop new workshops to cover other topics that relate to items from our collections. It's always worth asking whether we can help enhance your topic with a visit or workshop.

Following on from the amazing success of the Learning on our Doorstop project we would love to meet up with individual teachers and groups of teachers to look your planning and see how we can augment areas of your teaching with visits to or from the Museum or with loan boxes or loans of individual items from our extensive handling collection.





Toys from the Past

- Pupils bring in their own toys to compare with those from the past.
- What are they made of? (Cross curricula links with materials, DT)
- How are new and old toys similar and different?
- Have a look at the toys in the Galleries and play with some replica toys from the past.

History, Geography, Citizenship, Literacy

KS2



Ancient Egyptian beliefs about life after death

- Find out what the Ancient Egyptians believed about the afterlife.
- Learn about mummification by disembowelling our mummy-doll.
- Visit our real mummy, Par-Er-Abu, and mummify your own toy!
- Excellent for promoting factual writing, writing instructions & for inspiring imaginative fiction



Ancient Greek Theatre

- Learn about the history of Ancient Greek Theatre.
- Pupils can visit the Galleries to see our fragment of pottery depicting one of the twelve labours of Heracles, and use it as inspiration to make their own masks.
- Rehearse and act out a play of the twelve labours, with costumes, props and (of course) masks!



Roman Life in Britain

- Learn about life in Roman Britain through looking at a variety of objects including oil lamps, pottery, tiles and brick
- See real Roman tesserae and design your own mosaic
- Visit Galleries to see Roman items from Britain and abroad



The Holocaust through Toys

- Suitable for Yr 6 pupils
- Learn about the Holocaust by looking at the stories told by the toys of children alive at the time
- Developed with the support of the Imperial War Museum
 Fellowship in Holocaust Education programme of Continuous
 Professional Development www.iwm.org.uk/holocaust/education

The Black Death

- Learn about the spread of the Black Death through Europe
- Discover supposed 'cures'
- Explore the smells of various herbs
- Make your own pouch of herbs to protect you



General Gallery Visit

- Introduction thinking about why we have museums
- Highlights' Tour looking at key objects from the galleries
- 'Time to explore the galleries (Geology, Human History & Natural History)



The History of Haslemere - Local Area Study

- Explore Haslemere's past using maps & photographs
- Find out about the Sailor's murder at Hindhead
- Can also include information about the building of the A3 tunnel at Hindhead

Science, Maths and DT

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Nature's Colours & Patterns

- Investigate patterns in nature and the science of colour.
- Discover natural patterns in the Natural History Gallery
- Explore our handling collection

Science, Maths and DT

KS2



Classification

- Look at how invertebrates are classified
- Consider classification of vertebrates
- Work through a key of our Birds
- Make a key to our butterflies
- Consider diversification and how it can be influenced by habitat



Skeletons & Muscles

- Learn about the human skeleton and its functions by investigating x-rays and reassembling a replica skeleton.
- Investigate the bones in our handling collection
- Visit the Galleries to examine how skeletons differ in other animals.



Museum Detectives

- Learn about the 10 agents of deterioration and how they affect museum artefacts
- Can the changes be reversed?
- What precautions can we take to prevent damage?



Fossils

- Learn, through drama how fossils form and handle real fossils
- Visit our giant Jurassic ammonite in the Geology Gallery and see fossils from throughout Earth's geological history
- Make your own 'replica' fossil



Rocks and Minerals/Fossils

- Learn about the rock cycle and how rocks, fossils and minerals are formed.
- Have some hands-on fun with the Museum's extensive geology handling collection and investigate the Geology Gallery.
 Can be tailored to include minerals and their uses or fossils



Structures for Strength

- A workshop linking Materials and Technology:
- Can a piece of paper make a good bridge? Experiment and find out!
- What shape makes a strong structure?
- Investigate how a hump-backed bridge stays up



Creepy Crawlies/Invertebrates

- Find out what lurks in the Museum grounds!
- Learn about vertebrates and invertebrates by examining specimens caught by the pupils themselves
- Have a look at the insect collection in the Galleries for comparison
- Visit the observation Beehive (Summer months only)



Freshwater Studies

- Find out what lives in our pond!
- Pupils examine the habitat by pond-dipping to collect specimens, and then examining them in more detail



Invertebrate Day

- This combines our Freshwater Studies and Creepy Crawlies/Invertebrate workshops
- Allows pupils to compare invertebrates from a number of habitats