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Epping Forest District Museum Education Service

Key Stage 1 Workshops, History Days and Topic Boxes

Epping Forest District Museum Education Service has been established for over 20 years, providing a valuable service to schools both within the district and beyond.

Our team of two, Catherine Hammond and Charlotte Hay-Campbell, are both qualified teachers with many years' experience both in the classroom and museum education. We offer a friendly, personal, flexible service committed to helping your pupils engage with history, developing their skills and knowledge.

The museum is based in the historic market town of Waltham Abbey, Essex. There are six galleries covering the history of the district from Prehistory to the present day. Part of the building is a Tudor house, dating from 1520. The temporary exhibition gallery has a programme of special exhibitions that change every 3 to 4 months.

Our education space where workshops take place is upstairs. There is lift access to all floors, toilets on the upper and ground floors. We also have a small garden and shop.

Covid-19 update September 2020

Workshops have been adapted to make them Covid-19 safe. Objects will be sanitised between classes in one school, then quarantined before being used again in another school. There may be less object handling and more discussion led by the Education Officer than normal. We will also work with your own school policy and procedures.

History Days and museum visits are available on a Thursday when the museum is closed to the public. We can ensure the building is safe and clean for your class.

Topic boxes will be collected before half term, objects will be sanitised and quarantined for a week before being delivered to the next hirer.

WORKSHOPS

These are delivered in school as a 1 hour workshop with one class at a time, or as part of a half day visit to the museum (museum visits currently only available on a Thursday). These workshops can also be adapted for delivery to nursery and reception classes.

Call 01992 564994 or email chammond@eppingforestdc.gov.uk to book

| | Workshop in school – 1 hour per class on the same day | Half day workshop in museum Maximum 1 class at a time |
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| Schools within Epping Forest District | £46.50 – 1 class £72.50 – 2 classes £98.50 – 3 classes £124 – 4 classes | £4.20 per pupil (minimum group charge £46.50) |
| Schools outside Epping Forest District within a 20-mile radius | £57 – 1 class £83 – 2 classes £109 – 3 classes £134 – 4 classes | £5.20 per pupil (minimum group charge £57.00) |

Old Fashioned Washday

The old nursery rhyme, 'Twas on a Monday morning ...' forms the basis of this workshop to help children learn all about the different tasks and tools used to wash clothes a long time ago. A lively interactive workshop where the children get involved both with the singing and the washing using a range of original objects.

Children will be based on the carpet for this workshop, with some chosen to come out and use the objects to complete the washday tasks.

This workshop uses images projected on to a whiteboard, with original objects including washtub, washboard, washing dolly, mangle, soap, pegs, clothing, slug and flat irons

Homes in the Past

Children investigate 'mystery' domestic objects from 100 years ago. They use all their senses of touch, sight, smell and hearing to try and work out what the objects are. They develop their speaking and listening skills as they explain what they think their object was used for and listen to others describing their objects. Finally, looking at all the objects together, we discuss what we use in their place today, and what they can tell us about what life was like in homes 100 years ago.

Children will start on the carpet trying to identify one object. They will then work in 5 groups at their tables trying to identify 5 more objects: there will be one object on each table, which is then passed from table to table.

This workshop uses all original objects - there will be a chamber pot, washing dolly, oil lamp, slug iron, hot water bottle and carpet beater

Toys in the Past

Ellen Buxton lived locally over 100 years ago. In her diary she drew pictures of her brothers and sisters playing with their favourite toys. Ellen's sketches are combined with real old toys from the museum's collection so children can investigate whether or not the toys Ellen played with over 100 years ago are very different to the toys they play with today.

Children will start on the carpet with some chosen to come and try some toys, finishing with everyone at tables trying a wide selection of old toys.

This workshop uses images projected on to a whiteboard, with a mix of original and replica items including but not limited to wooden hoops, china doll, cup and ball, whip and top, clockwork toys, wooden toys

Victorian Seaside

Ellen Buxton took her diary on her seaside holidays to Cromer with her family over 100 years ago. She describes the fascinating train journeys to get there and the activities she got up to on the beach. We use Ellen's diary to compare what her seaside holidays were like with what ours are like today, and explore the contents of her suitcase to see if the clothes she wore and what she packed were different to what we would pack today.

Children will be based on the carpet for this workshop, with one chosen to come out and dress up as Ellen, and up to 7 children asked to choose an object from her case to try and identify with the help of the rest of the class.

This workshop uses images projected onto a whiteboard, with replica and original objects including Victorian girl's clothing (corset, crinoline, skirt, jacket, hat) and a parasol, bucket and spade, penny lick, coin, swimming dress, codd bottle, button hook and boot.

Great Fire of London

We investigate the story of the Great Fire of London and how historians use evidence to try and understand what really happened.

Starting with a recap of the events of the fire, we discuss how Samuel Pepy's diary and other sources of evidence can help us find out what happened a long time ago, but also how reliable this evidence is. Children work in groups to examine copies of original maps from the National Archives showing what London looked like before and after the fire to see what effect it had on the city.

We look at the museum, part of which is a Tudor house, to see how houses were built at the time to explore the risk of fire and investigate a mystery object that helped to keep houses safe. Finally we discuss all the evidence to decide whether or not the story we've learnt about the Great Fire of London really is true or not.

This workshop uses images projected onto a whiteboard, with replica objects including a watering pot, and maps of London before and after the fire.

HISTORY DAYS AT THE MUSEUM

These days begin at 10 and finish at 2.30pm with breaks for snacks and lunch. We can be flexible with the start and finish times to suit you. Currently only available on a Thursday when we are closed to the public.

We can accommodate one class of up to 30 pupils per day.

The day consists of three workshops – **Discover, Explore, Create** - each lasting around 1 hour. The pupils will all work together for the Discover workshop, then split into two groups to alternate between Explore and Create.

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| | History Day: 10am to 2.30pm Maximum 1 class / 30 pupils per day |
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| Schools within Epping Forest District | £7 per pupil *special offer £5.60 per pupil if booked before Easter 2021 |
| Schools outside Epping Forest District within a 20-mile radius | £7 per pupil *special offer £5.60 per pupil if booked before Easter 2021 |

Toys in the Past

DISCOVER the toys local girl Ellen Buxton played with 100 years ago, using images from her beautiful diary and real old toys from the museum collection to consider similarities and differences with toys today.

EXPLORE toys through the ages in the museum galleries with a trail and the chance to play with old toys and games.

CREATE a toy from the past to take home and enjoy.

Local Legends: Significant People from our Local Area

DISCOVER the history of our local area, through the stories of significant local people from ancient to modern times. Develop your chronological understanding by placing these people on a timeline and get fully engaged in the past with opportunities to dress up and role-play.

EXPLORE the museum to find more significant local people and where they lived or worked. Develop historical skills using evidence to separate fact from legend.

CREATE a print in the style of local artist Walter Spradbery and learn about how Epping Forest has been a centre of creativity for over 100 years.

TOPIC BOXES

These boxes are available to hire for half a term. They contain historical objects, together with notes and suggested learning activities. Boxes will be delivered to you at the start of the half term and collected at the end.

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| | Topic Box – includes delivery and collection |
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| Schools within Epping Forest District | £46.50 per half term |
| Schools outside Epping Forest District within a 20-mile radius | £57 per half term |

Toys in the Past

A selection of replica and authentic toys from the past 100 years, perfect for trying out to experience just how children played in the past! There is also a selection of historical photographs and drawings showing Victorian children at play, and oral history recordings from the early 20th century of memories of toys and games played by children in the district.

Contains both original and replica objects

Homes in the Past

A range of objects from the last 100 years show how kitchen and other home gadgets have changed over time. This box will aid a very practical understanding of what it was like to live in a house a long time ago, by enabling pupils to try working with different objects to carry out a range of household tasks the hard way!

All original objects