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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 within the district and beyond.

Education Officers, 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. Five galleries cover the history of the district from prehistoric times 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**

We very much hope things will be back to normal in September 2021, but in case not, we can make our workshops Covid-19 safe again. 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, as a 30 minute virtual workshop on Zoom, or as part of a half day visit to the museum with time to look around the galleries.

Museum visits are only available on a Thursday when we are closed to the public, making a very safe secure environment for you to enjoy.

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

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	<b>Workshop in school – 1 hour per class on the same day</b>	<b>Half day workshop in museum Maximum 1 class at a time</b>	<b>Virtual workshop on Zoom Can be delivered to more than one class at a time</b>
Schools within Epping Forest District	£48 – 1 class £75 – 2 classes £102 – 3 classes £129 – 4 classes	£4.50 per pupil (minimum group charge £45)	£20 for 30 minutes
Schools outside Epping Forest District within a 20-mile radius	£59 – 1 class £86 – 2 classes £113 – 3 classes £140 – 4 classes	£5.50 per pupil (minimum group charge £55)	£20 for 30 minutes

### **Old Fashioned Washday – suitable for Nursery / Reception**

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 – suitable for year 1**

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*

## **Local Legends: Significant People from our Local Area - suitable for year 1 and 2**

Discover the history of our local area through the stories of significant local people from ancient to modern times. Develop pupils' chronological understanding by placing these people on a timeline and get fully engaged in the past with opportunities to dress up and role-play using real and replica objects connected with these important people from our past.

*This workshop uses images projected on to a whiteboard, with a mix of original and replica items*

## **Toys in the Past – suitable for reception / year 1**

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 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 – suitable for year 1 or 2**

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 – suitable for year 2

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.*

## 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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	<b>Topic Box – includes delivery and collection</b>
Schools within Epping Forest District	£48 per half term
Schools outside Epping Forest District within a 20-mile radius	£59 per half term

## Toys in the Past

A selection of replica and authentic toys from the past 100 years to experience how children played in the past! Historical photographs and drawings and oral history recording show 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 homes and what we use to do jobs in them have changed over time. Pupils can actually try working with different objects to carry out a range of household tasks the hard way!

*All original objects*

## 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 elements – **Discover, Explore, Create** - each lasting around 1 hour. The pupils will all work together for the Discover element, then split into two groups to alternate between Explore and Create.

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	<b>History Day: 10am to 2.30pm Maximum 1 class / 30 pupils per day</b>
Schools within Epping Forest District	£7 per pupil *special offer £5.20 per pupil if booked to take place before Christmas 2021
Schools outside Epping Forest District	£7 per pupil *special offer £5.20 per pupil if booked to take place before Christmas 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.