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Epping Forest District Museum Education Service

Key Stage 2 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.

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.

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.

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.

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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	History Day: 10am to 2.30pm Maximum 1 class / 30 pupils per day
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

Stone Age to Iron Age History Day

DISCOVER the amazing evidence for Prehistory in the local area. Get hands on with ancient artefacts to investigate life thousands of years ago and find out why things changed.

EXPLORE the museum to find out more about life at this time through a trail and see some of the special artefacts in the museum's collection usually kept in the stores.

CREATE a clay pot inspired by techniques used from the Neolithic onwards.

Romans History Day

DISCOVER evidence of the Romans living in this area by using real Roman objects to recreate life at the time.

EXPLORE behind the scenes in the museum, with a chance to see some of our Roman treasures not usually on display. Learn what survives from the past and take an archaeological challenge, sorting out real Roman pottery.

CREATE a piece of Roman snake's head jewellery, based on a piece found locally, to take home.

Anglo Saxons and Vikings History Day

DISCOVER the evidence for Anglo Saxon and Viking settlement in the local area, and what artefacts found by archaeologists reveal about what these people were really like.

EXPLORE the museum to find out more about local life through a trail and see some of the special artefacts in the museum's collection usually kept in the stores.

CREATE a piece of Anglo Saxon art by learning about the techniques and skills of Anglo Saxon craftspeople.

Tudors – a local study History Day

DISCOVER how local people lived during Tudor times using a variety of artefacts and documents. Includes dressing up and the chance to handle and investigate objects as evidence for the past.

EXPLORE the museum and find out more about the important history of Waltham Abbey in Tudor times with a trail through the original timber-framed Tudor house

CREATE a Tudor bookmark using a quill pen and ink, and learn how to write using Tudor handwriting

Victorians – a local study History Day

DISCOVER the evidence for Victorian life in the local area including objects, census returns and photography. Investigate these sources to help us understand what life was like for people during this time.

EXPLORE the museum to find out more about local life in Victorian times and see some of the special artefacts in the museum's collection usually kept in the stores.

CREATE a Victorian toy to find out more about the changes taking place in children's lives during this period

World War 2 Home Front – a local study History Day

DISCOVER the evidence for life on the Home Front in Waltham Abbey during the Second World War. Investigate and analyse these sources to help us understand what life was like for people during this time.

EXPLORE the museum to find out more about life during the war, and the special role played by ARP Warden, E J Carter, from his diary and photographs. See some of the special artefacts in the museum's collection usually kept in the stores.

CREATE a poster inspired by London Transport poster artist, Walter Spradbery, and E J Carter's photographs of the bomb that fell on Highbridge Street

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 with time to look around the galleries (museum visits currently only available on a Thursday).

The workshops can also be delivered as virtual sessions via Zoom.

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	Workshop in school – 1 hour per class on the same day	Half day workshop in museum Maximum 1 class at a time	Virtual workshop on Zoom Can be delivered to more than one class at a time
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 £40 for 1 hour
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 £40 for 1 hour

Prehistory: Stone Age Investigation

Pupils get to work hands on with some very special, original ancient historical artefacts to understand the changes that occurred in the district and beyond during the Stone Ages. Their investigations will be based around use of a timeline to develop their understanding of chronology and change across a long period of time.

This workshop uses entirely original objects, plus additional resources

Ancient Greeks

Pupils learn about the work of archaeologists by investigating, analysing and recording information about an object in order to find out what it is, and what it can reveal to us about the lives and beliefs of the Ancient Greeks. Activities in this workshop develop pupils' skills of team working, research and observation as they work together to identify details in the objects and piece together clues from them to understand the past.

This workshop uses entirely replica objects

Ancient Egyptians

Will your pupils dare to break the curse of the pyramid and open it up to see what it contains? If they do, they will find a wealth of objects to investigate, which they will use to try and work out what sort of person was buried inside.

Activities in this workshop develop pupils' research and team working skills as they carry out in-depth research into their objects. They will also develop their speaking and presentation skills when they share their findings with the rest of the class.

This workshop uses entirely replica objects

Romans

This is an interactive role-playing workshop. It is a very important day for Livia, the mistress of one of the area's most important villas. She is planning a banquet to show off her new bathhouse to her friends.

One of your pupils will be Livia, the rest are her slaves. The slaves work in groups based in different rooms in the villa. They have a selection of objects and need to work out what each one was used for so they can get their jobs done to make sure the banquet goes to plan.

Anglo Saxons

Pupils will learn about the work of archaeologists by investigating, analysing and recording information about objects in order to find out as much as possible about the people that made them. Pupils will develop important observational skills as they learn to look for the little details that can reveal so much about the past.

Having researched their objects, pupils become the experts, presenting their findings back to the rest of the class. Then, using all the evidence seen in the workshop, pupils decide if the Anglo Saxons really do deserve to be thought of as coming from the Dark Ages.

Tudors

Epping Forest District Museum is housed in a Tudor building. In this workshop pupils investigate more about what the lives of ordinary Tudor people who might have lived in this house were like, were like from the clothes they wore to the objects they had in their house.

Two pupils will have the opportunity to get dressed up in replica clothes, before everyone gets to work with objects. If the workshop takes place in Epping Forest District Museum, we also use the built evidence of the Tudor house itself, which reveals a great deal about how Tudor people lived.

Victorians: Queen Victoria's visit to Epping Forest

This role-playing workshop is especially suitable for years 3 and 4. It is told in the form of an interactive story based on the real events of 6 May 1882, when Queen Victoria visited Epping Forest to dedicate it to the public for their enjoyment forever.

One pupil plays the role of Ann, a poor Victorian girl, desperate to finish her jobs on time to get to see the Queen. The rest of the class helps her by identifying the objects she needs to do her jobs and playing additional roles in the story.

Objects used relate to Victorian schools, washday, rich and poor homes and toys. The story helps pupils understand the context in which the objects were used.

Victorians: Exhibiting the Victorians

This workshop is especially suitable for years 5 and 6. Pupils are put in the role of museum curators. We start by discussing what makes a good exhibition based on their own experiences of visiting museums and galleries, and consider issues affecting the display of museum objects.

Working in groups, pupils are given a selection of original Victorian objects on a theme such as homes, washday, fashion, toys and school. They work together to investigate what the objects are, then agree on a choice of just one that will go on display.

To finish, each group presents their choice to the rest of the class, giving reasons as to why they chose that object to illustrate their theme, and why they rejected the others.

World War 2: Home Front

This workshop is most suitable for years 5 and 6. Pupils work in groups, starting off with just one object. They try and work out what it is based on what they can observe and understand just from looking at it and touching it.

They are then given a wider selection of objects, which they investigate to find clues to help them work out what their original object was used for. These also lead to investigation of some of the wider themes of the war such as air raids, rationing, black out and salvage and how these impacted on the lives of ordinary people.

To finish, each group presents their findings back to the rest of the class. We will also consider how these objects can help us to empathise with people and understand how their lives were affected by the war in this area.

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
Schools within Epping Forest District	£48 per half term
Schools outside Epping Forest District within a 20-mile radius	£59 per half term



Ancient Egyptians

Includes objects connected with the fascinating subject of mummification, and those connected with daily life such as cooking pots, hair curlers, toys and jewellery.

Please note, owing to the nature of this topic all the objects in the box are replicas

Ancient Greeks

Includes replica pots, clothes, masks and statues to help you explore the lives and beliefs of the Ancient Greeks.

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Romans

This box contains costumes, jewellery, pots, oil lamps, key rings, cosmetic sets and more, including some real fragments of Roman pottery found in the district.

Contains both original and replica objects

Anglo Saxons

Replica clothes, jewellery, helmets, bone combs, coins, spindles and lots more help you try to decide for yourself what it was like to live and work as an Anglo Saxon.

Contains both original and replica objects

Vikings

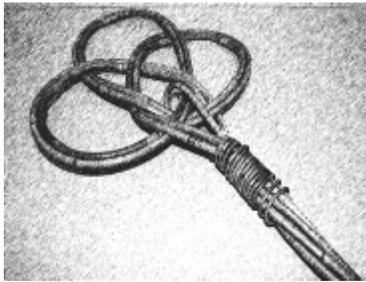
From a warrior's helmet and drinking horn to a set of rune stones, find out what life for a Viking was like – do they deserve their fierce reputation?

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Tudors

Explore daily life in a typical Tudor home through a selection of objects that they would have used.

Contains both original and replica objects



Victorians

Find out how Victorians kept their beds warm, spent their leisure time and even styled their hair with the original, unusual objects in this box.

All original objects



World War 2

Recreate the Home Front in the classroom with I.D and ration cards, black out lamps, parts of uniforms and even a bit of a bomb!

Original and replica objects and documents