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Epping Forest District Museum Education Service: Sept 2022 to July 2023

EYFS and 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.

We have an education space. There is lift access to all floors, toilets on the upper and ground floors. We also have a small garden and shop.

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.

Call 07548 145669 or email chammond@eppingforestdc.gov.uk to book

	Topic Box – includes delivery and collection
Schools within Epping Forest District	£49 per half term
Schools outside Epping Forest District within a 20-mile radius	£60 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.

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!

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 (around 2 hours) with time to look around the galleries.

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	Workshop in school – 1 hour per class on the same day	Half day workshop in museum (2 hours) 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	£49 – 1 class £76.50 – 2 classes £104 – 3 classes £131 – 4 classes	£4.60 per pupil (minimum group charge £45)	£20 for 30 minutes
Schools outside Epping Forest District within a 20-mile radius	£60 – 1 class £87.50 – 2 classes £115 – 3 classes £143 – 4 classes	£5.60 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, along with other nursery rhymes 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.

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 with a timeline and get fully engaged with opportunities to dress up and role-play using real and replica objects connected with these important people from our past.

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.

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.

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.

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 Samuel Pepys' diary and other sources of evidence to find out what happened, but also how discuss how reliable this evidence is. Children examine copies of original maps showing what London looked like before and after the fire to see what effect it had on the city. Finally, we investigate the museum building itself to find out how houses were built at the time and explore a mystery object which kept buildings safe from fire!

HISTORY DAYS AT THE MUSEUM

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

The day consists of three elements – **Discover, Explore, Create** - each lasting around 1 hour. We will normally divide the class into two groups, or if two classes visit together we will divide them into three groups of 20 pupils per group, and rotate them around the activities.

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	History Day: 10am to 2.30pm Maximum 1 class / 30 pupils per day
Schools within Epping Forest District	£7.20 per pupil
Schools outside Epping Forest District	£8.20 per pupil

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 more 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 uncover the stories of some fascinating 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.