



WARWICKSHIRE
HERITAGE
LEARNING





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WELCOME TO WARWICKSHIRE HERITAGE LEARNING

Warwickshire Heritage Learning is back with our range of immersive and creative workshops that will inspire your students and bring the past to life!

Our workshops inspire curiosity, encourage the creative learner, foster enquiry-led learning, create a love and appreciation of heritage, enable critical thinking and support decision-making.

The subscription loan box service, combining real museum objects and virtual learning workshops, makes your classroom part of Warwickshire Museum and the children curators of the museum. At the same time increasing your access to cultural capital rich learning.

To read more about how our workshops will benefit your class and support your teaching please visit our webpages at heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk/education

We look forward to welcoming you and your class to one of our workshops, and to supporting you in enriching your classroom activities through our subscription loan box service.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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LOAN BOX SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE

Our loan boxes contain objects from Warwickshire Museum normally reserved for display in the museum, offering children the opportunity to become curators and care for Warwickshire's history in their school.

Each loan box is supported by videos, quizzes and games you can access in the classroom and use any time during the loan. Enhanced members can also book live, interactive, virtual workshops.

Bespoke membership packages can be agreed if either of the membership packages don't suit your school or multi-academy trust. If there is a topic or theme you would like from a box not currently offered, we can create new boxes upon request, if our museum collections can support it.

EXAMPLES LOAN BOX THEMES INCLUDE:

Ancient Romans, Ancient Egyptians, Anglo-Saxons, Stone Age to Iron Age, The Victorians, World War II, Fossils, Jurassic Warwickshire, Volcanoes, Explorers, The Seaside

VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS AVAILABLE:

Ancient Romans, Anglo-Saxons, Stone Age to Iron Age, Ancient Egyptians, Fossils, Volcanoes

For the most up to date list please click here

To book your subscription please click here



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LOAN BOX SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE

ANNUAL STANDARD MEMBERSHIP

- 6 loan boxes
- Access to pre-recorded videos, quizzes and games tailored to each loan box
- Annual all-staff training on handling and caring for the objects and best practice object-based learning
- Support in choosing your loan box package to find the best way for the whole school to benefit from the cultural capital museum objects offer
- Delivery and collection of your loan boxes each term

ANNUAL ENHANCED MEMBERSHIP

- All the benefits of the basic membership
- 6 live, virtual workshops



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TOYS AND GAMES

SUITABLE FOR
KEY STAGE 1

DELIVERED AT

In your classroom or at St John's House Museum, Warwick

DURATION

1 hour

MAIN FOCUS

Continuity and Change, materials, changes in living memory

CURRICULUM TOPICS

History, Science

Your class will enjoy a fun, interactive workshop and learn about toys and games through time, using real and replica objects. Pupils will investigate the variety of everyday materials that toys have been made from, both in the past and today.

Through play and discussion, they will explore how toys move and understand how toys can demonstrate the historical concept of continuity and change.

The toys used in the workshop can be played with and are from living memory, so they are toys the children might play with, and their parents and grandparents would also have played with. There are some more historical examples of toys included in the workshop.



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THE GUNPOWDER PLOT

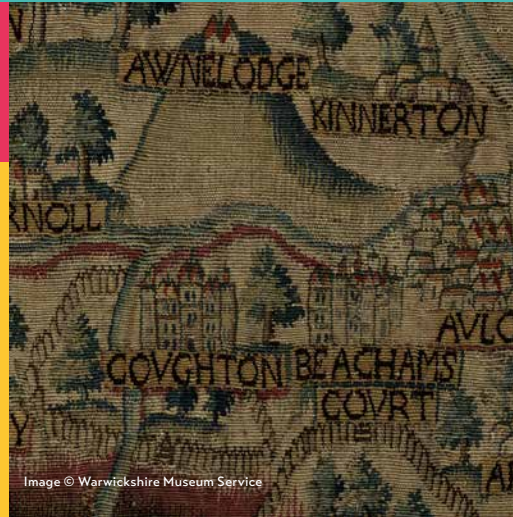
SUITABLE FOR
KEY STAGE 1

DELIVERED AT
In your classroom

DURATION
4 hours

MAIN FOCUS
Consequence, rebellion, persecution

CURRICULUM TOPICS
History, English



An opportunity for children to become immersed in the reign of King James I, when tensions between English Protestants and Catholics reached a head in the famous Gunpowder Plot. In this story world adventure the children take part in a desperate chase to catch the plotters as they attempt to start a rebellion across the Midlands.

Children will travel through Warwickshire, discovering how places and people in this nationally significant historic event are part of Warwickshire's local history.

Addressing the substantive concepts of consequence, rebellion and persecution this practical outreach session includes many hands-on activities, object investigation, role-play and drama.



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THE GREAT FIRE OF WARWICK

SUITABLE FOR
KEY STAGE 1&2

DELIVERED AT

Begins at Market Hall Museum, Warwick
and ends at St John's House Museum

DURATION

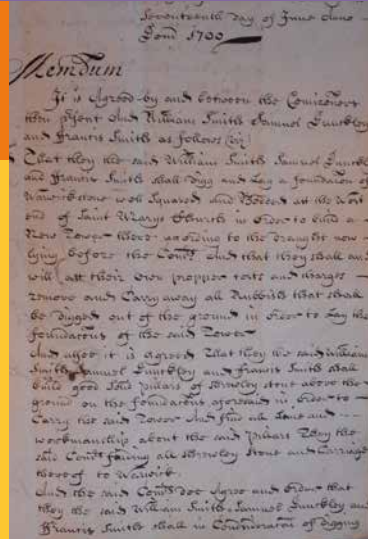
3 hours, 10.15am - 2.15pm

MAIN FOCUS

Fairness, responsibility and destruction

CURRICULUM TOPICS

History, English, Citizenship



This workshop is a fantastic way for children to learn about a significant historical event in their own locality through written accounts, objects, and a guided trail of Warwick.

Children will explore the effects and impact of the fire through the eyes of 'real life' eyewitnesses, and step into their shoes to plead their case for compensation to Lord Brooke of Warwick Castle. Children will have to decide what they think is fair or unfair in their discussions.

The historical concept of cause and consequence is a key theme that runs through this workshop. The themes and issues have parallels with the 1666 Great Fire of London.

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STONE AGE TO IRON AGE

SUITABLE FOR
KEY STAGE 2

DELIVERED AT

In your classroom

DURATION

4 hours, from 9.30am to 3pm,
with 1.5 hours of breaktime

MAIN FOCUS

Chronology, change, technology

CURRICULUM TOPICS:

History, English, Citizenship



This exciting story world adventure takes the children into an electronic game where they must prove their knowledge of each level (Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age) to progress in the game. Children will explore what people ate, the homes they lived in, the tools they used and the skills they deployed in each era.

This workshop includes many activities that allow students to handle original and replica objects from the Stone Age, Iron Age and Bronze Age, and engage in activities in role as game players. The historical concept of continuity and change runs through the workshop.

The children will be challenged with tasks that give them the opportunity to discuss their opinions about the lives of people in other times.



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STONE AGE SKILLS AT KINGSBURY WATER PARK

SUITABLE FOR
KEY STAGE 2

DELIVERED AT

Kingsbury Water Park,
near Sutton Coldfield

DURATION

4 hours, from 10.15am to 2.15pm

MAIN FOCUS

Settlement, migration, technology,
change and continuity

CURRICULUM TOPICS

History, English, Technology



An opportunity for your class to travel back in time to the late Stone Age, to investigate Stone Age life, technology and skills, using the natural environment of Kingsbury Water Park and replica artefacts.

Children will be immersed in this story adventure, learning about the benefits and drawbacks of life as a hunter gatherer and farmer in the neolithic period, helping a lost youngster choose which tribe to join.

Focusing on the substantive concepts of settlement and migration, this practical workshop takes place outside, whatever the weather.



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TO BOOK THIS WORKSHOP PLEASE CONTACT KINGSBURY WATER PARK ON 01827 872660

ANCIENT ROMANS

SUITABLE FOR
KEY STAGE 2

DELIVERED AT
St John's House Museum

DURATION
3 hours, from 10.15am - 2.15pm

MAIN FOCUS
Resistance, legacy, identity

CURRICULUM TOPICS
History, English, Citizenship



This exciting story world adventure takes the children through a portal to a Roman settlement, found on the site of an archaeological dig, whilst searching to retrieve an item accidentally left by a curious archaeologist.

The children find themselves caught up in the tensions between Boudica and the Roman legions. They will be asked to decide if they want to support Boudica or the Roman way of life. This workshop includes many activities that allow students to handle original Roman objects and engage in activities in role as a team of archaeologists.

The historical concept of continuity and change runs throughout this workshop. Children will use a range of historical sources to learn about the Ancient Romans.

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ANGLO-SAXONS

SUITABLE FOR
KEY STAGE 2

DELIVERED AT
St John's House Museum

DURATION
3 hours, from 10.15am - 2.15pm

MAIN FOCUS
Invasion, treasure, ownership

CURRICULUM TOPICS
History, English, Citizenship



This story world adventure enlists the children as a team of archaeologists, commissioned to support archaeologist Maude Cleaver secure the 'treasures' of a wonderful Anglo-Saxon burial site. An opportunity to explore the culture of the Anglo-Saxons using archaeological evidence to prove the value of a site where a supermarket 'giant' wishes to build a store.

This practical workshop covers Anglo-Saxon daily life and work, their craftsmanship and their writing, whilst exposing the children to first world issues related to heritage, the value of our history, conservation, and development. The historical concept of cause and consequence runs through this workshop.

The children will use the skill of historical enquiry to present their arguments at a mock planning meeting.



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ANGLO SAXON SKILLS AT WARWICKSHIRE COUNTRY PARKS

SUITABLE FOR
KEY STAGE 2

DELIVERED AT

Kingsbury Water Park, near Sutton Coldfield and Ryton Pools Country Park, near Ryton-on-Dunsmore.

DURATION

4 hours, from 10.15am to 2.15pm

MAIN FOCUS

Similarity and difference, settlement, beliefs, resilience

CURRICULUM TOPICS

History, English

An opportunity for your class to travel back in time to Anglo-Saxon times, investigating daily life, technology, skills and beliefs using the natural environment of Warwickshire Country Parks and replica artefacts.

Children will be immersed in this story adventure, learning about the challenges that could be faced and how Anglo-Saxon people lived and survived in their changing world.

Focusing on the substantive concepts of settlement, beliefs and resilience, this practical workshop takes place outside, whatever the weather.



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ANCIENT EGYPTIANS

SUITABLE FOR
KEY STAGE 2

DELIVERED AT

In your classroom

DURATION

4.5 hours, from 9.30am to 3pm

MAIN FOCUS

Civilisation, discovery, belief

CURRICULUM TOPICS

History, English



This exciting story world adventure takes the children into the past where they must help Hussain, assistant to the famous archaeologist Howard Carter, prepare for an archaeological dig at an Ancient Egyptian tomb. They will: plan a journey using an ancient map of Egypt, practice hieroglyphs, barter in an Egyptian marketplace for provisions, explore Egyptian beliefs about the afterlife, examine original and replica artefacts, design a cartouche on papyrus and create an artefact out of air-drying clay to take home.

The school hall will be needed for two hours in the morning and one classroom will be needed in the afternoon.

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ROCKS AND FOSSILS AT CROSS HANDS QUARRY

SUITABLE FOR
KEY STAGE 2

DELIVERED AT
Cross Hands Quarry

DURATION
4 hours

MAIN FOCUS
Fieldwork, similarities and difference,
working scientifically

CURRICULUM TOPICS
Science, Geography



Discover a Jurassic seascape rich in fossils from 170 million years ago. Jurassic Warwickshire was covered by a shallow sea, so we can't promise dinosaurs but we can guarantee that everyone will find at least one fossil to keep. Learn how fossils were formed before going hunting for fossils in a safe area.

Any fossils found can be taken back to school for sorting, classification and further study. Visit a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) perfectly demonstrating the underlying structure of the area and the effects of geological forces. The Jurassic seabed layer where the fossils come from can be clearly seen here, underneath other layers of rock.

We provide all the equipment needed for the workshop, including sample specimens to help students identify their own finds. All groups visiting the quarry must arrange personal accident insurance. Due to seasonal risk of inclement weather and the exposed nature of the site we advise this workshop is booked for the summer term.

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JURASSIC FOSSIL HANDLING AT MARKET HALL MUSEUM

SUITABLE FOR
KEY STAGE 2

DELIVERED AT
Market Hall Museum, Warwick

DURATION
2 hours

MAIN FOCUS
Observation, classification

CURRICULUM TOPICS
Science, English



A fantastic opportunity to handle real Jurassic fossils from Warwickshire's Jurassic seabed and see the fossils on display at the Market Hall Museum.

As members of the Warwickshire Natural History and Archaeological Society the children have to learn about the Jurassic fossils in the Market Hall Museum. Sir Everard Home, of the Geological Society, is coming to inspect the new museum at the Market Hall, and they need to impress him with their knowledge.

The workshop will explain how fossils are formed as part of the rock cycle before Mary Anning guides your class through a Jurassic fossil handling session, learning the names of fossils and what living creatures they used to be.

There will be the opportunity to observe the fossils on display at the Market Hall Museum and gather information to present to Sir Everard Home at the end of the workshop.



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VICTORIAN CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

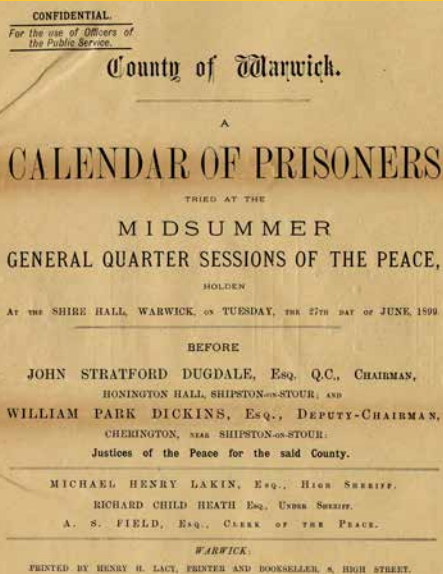
SUITABLE FOR
KEY STAGE 2

DELIVERED AT
Old Shire Hall, Northgate Street, Warwick

DURATION
2 hours

MAIN FOCUS
Fairness, Responsibility, Consequence

CURRICULUM TOPICS
History, English, Citizenship



A truly immersive experience for Key Stage 2 children to tread in the footsteps of the thousands of accused who have passed through the courts and gaol of Old Shire Hall. A tour of the thought provoking courts, cells and dungeons allow for a direct comparison of conditions of prisoners held in from 1766 to modern day.

Children will then travel back in time to 1854 and step into the 'real life' trial of local man George Day and the case of the stolen pig, a case taken directly from the court records.

This workshop includes pre-visit activities to prepare the children for their day in court. For a more enjoyable visit it is important these activities are carried out.

This workshop can be paired with History Detectives: Crime and Punishment where children will be able to see original documents, including those linked to the case of George Day.

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HISTORY DETECTIVES

SUITABLE FOR
KEY STAGE 2

DELIVERED AT
Warwickshire County Record Office,
Warwick

DURATION
2 hours

MAIN FOCUS
Interpretation and inference, historical
sources, difference and significance

CURRICULUM TOPICS
History, English



A series of workshops that uses original documents that have been carefully selected for different learning styles and abilities, including letters, photographs, maps, newspapers and postcards.

Every workshop includes a tour of the Strongrooms where the documents are stored. You are encouraged to bring your own class camera to record details of your favourite documents to use back in the classroom.

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MAIN FOCUS
Interpretation and inference, historical
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CURRICULUM TOPICS
History, English



Photograph taken at the peace celebrations in Alcester, 1919, PH352/1/111



Postcard of a prisoner of war. Royal Warwickshire Regiment, at Meriden, PH352/215/14

DISCOVER WORLD WAR ONE

A mixed collection of documents is available to be examined covering the themes of the role of women in World War One, conditions on the Front, life back home and commemorating the fallen.

See documents highlighting the role of the Red Cross, the enlisting of men and horses and the cases of conscientious objectors. Read postcards and letters sent home from the front, as well as documents highlighting the effects on the Home Front. On the theme of peace and remembrance, see documents giving us a glimpse into the lives of injured and disabled soldiers after they were discharged.



Postcard of Soldiers marching past Pump Rooms, Leamington Spa. PH352/111/100

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2 hours

MAIN FOCUS
Interpretation and inference, historical
sources, difference and significance

CURRICULUM TOPICS
History, English



Interior of Dungeon at Shire Hall, Warwick, PH196/P34

CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

Documents will allow you to discuss a range of themes with your class, such as living conditions in jail, child crime, types of crime committed, and the punishments given. The majority of the documents come from the Victorian period with a few from earlier periods.

A highlight is the Known Thieves Album, listing known criminals with a photograph, details about their appearance, and lists of their convictions and sentences.

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KEY STAGE 2

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Warwickshire County Record Office,
Warwick

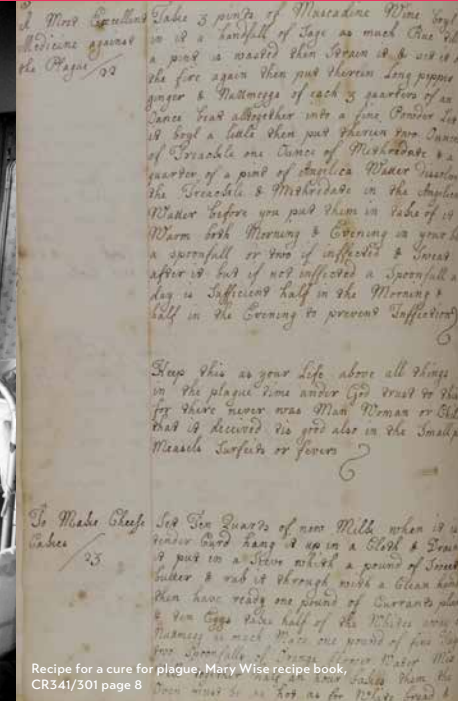
DURATION
2 hours

MAIN FOCUS
Interpretation and inference, historical
sources, difference and significance

CURRICULUM TOPICS
History, English



Interior of the nursery of the
Maternity Unit at Warneford
Hospital, Leamington Spa, 1949,
PHN600/721/18

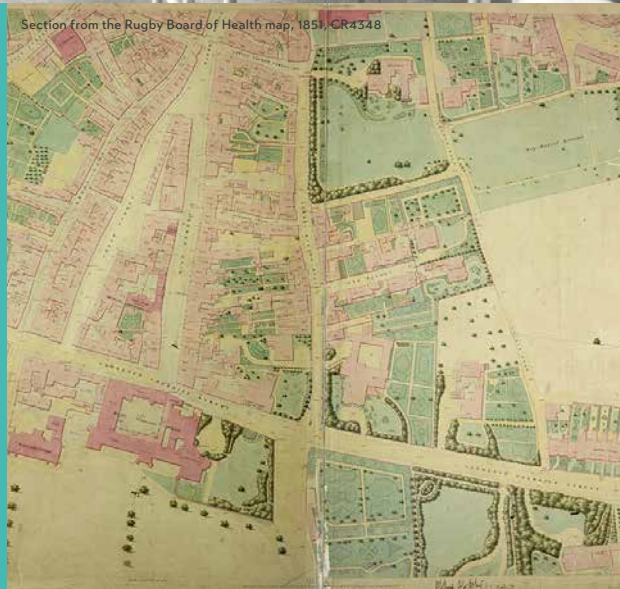


Recipe for a cure for plague, Mary Wise recipe book,
CR341/301 page 8

HISTORY OF MEDICINE

Includes documents on the themes of what types of illnesses were there in the past, what people believed caused illnesses, treatments available and how these were funded before the National Health Service.

See birth and death registers from parish records, hospital records, handwritten household recipe books with recipes and cures for illnesses, newspaper articles and adverts.



Section from the Rugby Board of Health map, 1851, CR4348



Photograph of Nuneaton St. John's Ambulance Cadets
with their award, 1932, PH882/4/3199

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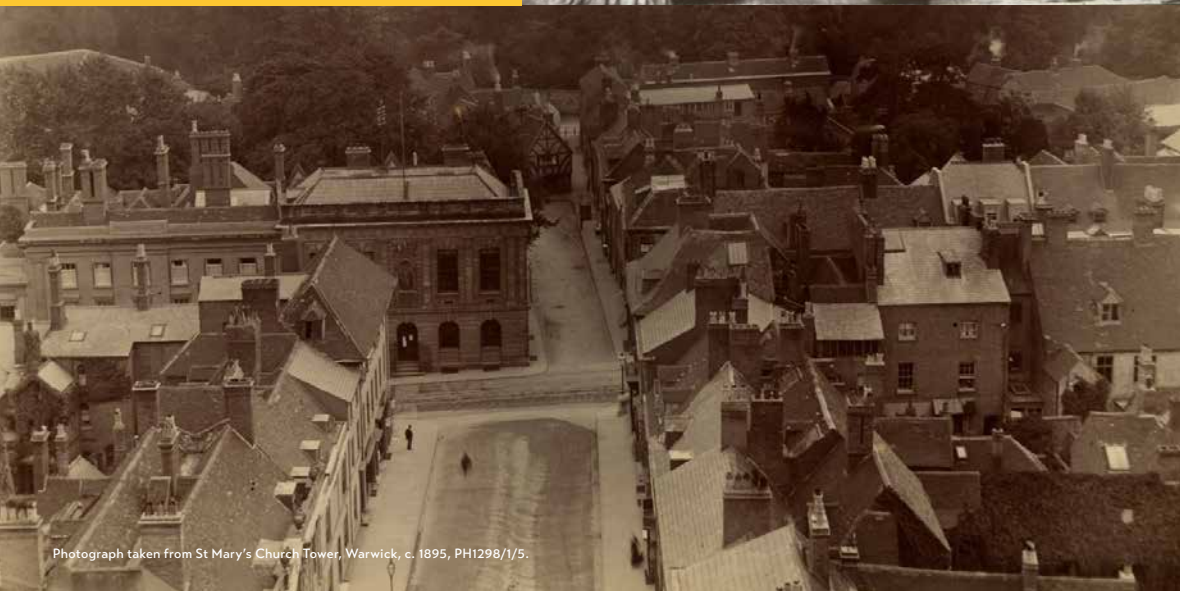
MAIN FOCUS
Interpretation and inference, historical
sources, difference and significance

CURRICULUM TOPICS
History, English

Portrait of three girls taken at the Robert Graham studio, Leamington Spa, 1876, CR2555/3157



24 hour live marathon at Riverside Youth Club,
Leamington Spa Courier, 1960, PH(N)600/779/1



Photograph taken from St Mary's Church Tower, Warwick, c. 1895, PH1298/1/5.

YOUR LOCAL HISTORY

Documents will be selected to allow you to discuss how your local area has developed and changed over time, such as photographs, birth and death registers, historic maps, newspaper articles and adverts, and school log books.

As this is a bespoke workshop we require eight weeks' notice to identify and select documents for your area.

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VICTORIANS AT ST JOHN'S HOUSE MUSEUM

DELIVERED AT

St John's House Museum, Warwick

DURATION

1 hour each workshop

MAIN FOCUS

Continuity and change, materials, classification

CURRICULUM TOPICS

History, English, Maths



Immerse your class in a realistic experience of Victorian life.

Each workshop lasts an hour. Choose from different sessions to build your own day visit for memorable experiences.

We can accommodate groups of 90 at St John's House Museum. If your group is larger please call to discuss.



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VICTORIANS AT ST JOHN'S HOUSE MUSEUM

SUITABLE FOR
KEY STAGE 1&2

MAIN FOCUS

Interpretation and inference, difference and significance, women's roles in the past

VICTORIAN LAUNDRY

Can you tell a posser from a dolly? Find out by taking part in a laundry workshop with Charlotte our costumed laundry maid.

Experience doing the washing without electricity in this hands-on workshop. Use real and replica late Victorian equipment to carry out the washing tasks.

Take turns to pump the water, grate the soap and mangle the washing before hanging it out to dry. Are you strong enough to be a laundry maid in Victorian times? You will be able to ask our laundry maid questions about her job and compare new and old equipment used to do the washing.



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VICTORIANS AT ST JOHN'S HOUSE MUSEUM

SUITABLE FOR
KEY STAGE 1&2

MAIN FOCUS
Difference and significance,
similarity, empathy

VICTORIAN SCHOOLROOM

An immersive classroom experience, led by our costumed Victorian school ma'am. Pupils will dress in basic costume over their own clothes, pinafores for the girls and sailor's collars for the boys and role play as Victorian pupils in 1888.

Pupils chosen by you in advance will take on additional roles, such as class monitors.

There are even optional roles for the adults too, and we provide a basic costume for you, although you and your class are welcome to come dressed as Victorians for your visit. The lesson will include learning reading and arithmetic by rote, and using a class abacus to do their sums.

Content of the workshop is differentiated for each key stage.



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VICTORIANS AT ST JOHN'S HOUSE MUSEUM

SUITABLE FOR
KEY STAGE 1&2

MAIN FOCUS
Change and continuity, similarity,
social class system.

UPSTAIRS, DOWNSTAIRS

Compare the lives of working class and wealthy Victorian families using our model houses. Discover how these homes were lit and how people kept clean.

Examine the differences between Victorian domestic life and life in our homes today, using original Victorian objects.

Children will play the roles of different members of the household and the workshop includes the chance to try on some replica Victorian clothing.



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VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS

SUITABLE FOR
KEY STAGE 1&2

DELIVERED AT
St John's House Museum,
Warwick (available seasonally)

DURATION
3 hours, from 10.15am to 14.15pm

MAIN FOCUS
Tradition, comparison, family

CURRICULUM TOPICS
History, English, Maths,
Citizenship



Help Miss Skarritt, Queen Victoria's dresser, design some new Christmas bloomers for the Queen. Learn about Victorian Christmas traditions to help you create your design.

Meet our Victorian school ma'am Miss Roach and experience a Victorian lesson from 1888. Learn how the Victorians made Christmas pudding with Mrs Danvers the cook. Each class will take one home to cook.

Meet the St John's gardener and learn about other Victorian Christmas traditions, including why we decorate our houses with greenery. Make a Christmas cornucopia. Share your ideas for decorating Queen Victoria's bloomers, sing carols and help to decorate the St John's Christmas tree before you go home.

The historical concept of cause and consequence runs through this workshop as children learn about the origins of the traditions we follow at Christmas today.

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VICTORIAN SUMMER

SUITABLE FOR
KEY STAGE 1&2

DELIVERED AT
St John's House Museum,
Warwick (available seasonally)

DURATION
3 hours, from 10.15am to 14.15pm

MAIN FOCUS
Empire, celebration, status

CURRICULUM TOPICS
History, English, Maths,



Impress the Countess of Warwick with your knowledge of Victorian skills to gain a coveted invitation to the 1897 Diamond Jubilee Celebration in Castle Park. Meet our Victorian School ma'am Miss Townshend and learn about the Victorian Empire, help Mrs Danvers the cook make butter and lemonade in our Victorian kitchen and then learn how to march, curtsy and bow as required in Victorian times, as well as making flags that reflect the changes in society during the Victorian era. This practical day project includes local history, Victorian education, domestic life, and Victorian values, enabling the opportunity to compare life in the Victorian and Modern eras.



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