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WELCOME TO WARWICKSHIRE HERITAGE LEARNING

Warwickshire Heritage Learning offers a 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 makes the children curators of museum objects and your classroom part of Warwickshire Museum.

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 get in touch with the Heritage Learning team. To find out more about our workshops, please visit heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk/education

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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 that discuss the objects in more detail and explore local history connections across Warwickshire.

If there is a theme you would like that we currently don't offer, we can create new boxes upon request if our collections team can support it. If the membership package doesn't suit your school, bespoke memberships can be agreed.

EXAMPLE LOAN BOX THEMES:

Ancient Romans, Ancient Egyptians, Anglo-Saxons, Stone Age, The Victorians, World War II, Fossils, Castles, Volcanoes.

For the up to date list of loan boxes and to start your subscription, please visit our website at:
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Or scan the
QR code:



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LOAN BOX SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE

ANNUAL STANDARD MEMBERSHIP

- 6 Loans boxes per year
- Access to pre-recorded videos that explore local history links and objects in more detail
- 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 turn

To view our memberships please visit our website at heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk/education

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TOYS AND GAMES

SUITABLE FOR
KEY STAGE 1

DELIVERED AT

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

DURATION

1 Hour

MAIN FOCUS

Continuity and Change, materials,
changes in living memory

CURRICULUM TOPICS

History and 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.

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, as there are toys the children may play with and toys that their parents and grandparents will have played with. There are some historical examples of toys included in the workshop.



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FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE



SUITABLE FOR
KEY STAGE 1

DELIVERED AT

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

DURATION

4 Hours

MAIN FOCUS

Interpretation, health, leadership and
achievement

CURRICULUM TOPICS

History and English



This story world adventure is an opportunity for the class to travel to the Crimea in search of local Warwickshire boy, George Waller, fighting in the conflict at 17. Children will learn about the conditions in hospitals and the impact that Florence Nightingale had, and how she was encouraged and supported by another local Warwickshire family, Charles and Selina Bracebridge.

Addressing substantive concepts of health, leadership and achievement, this practical session includes many hands-on activities, object investigation, role-play and drama.



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THE GUNPOWDER PLOT

SUITABLE FOR
KEY STAGE 1

DELIVERED AT
In your classroom

DURATION
4 Hours

MAIN FOCUS
Consequence, rebellion and
persecution

CURRICULUM TOPICS
History and English



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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. Throughout 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.

In your classroom, children will be taken on a journey through Warwickshire, discovering how the Gunpowder Plot is part of Warwickshire's local history.

Addressing the substantive concepts of consequences, rebellion and persecution, this outreach session includes hands-on activities, role-play and drama.



THE GREAT FIRE OF WARWICK

SUITABLE FOR
KEY STAGE 1&2

DELIVERED AT

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

DURATION

3 hours, 10:15am to 2:15pm

MAIN FOCUS

Fairness, responsibility and destruction

CURRICULUM TOPICS

History, English and Citizenship



This workshop is a fantastic way for children to learn a significant historical event that shaped the town of Warwick by examining 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 and technology

CURRICULUM TOPICS
History, English and Citizenship



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This exciting story world adventure takes the children into an eclectic 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 home 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 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.



ANCIENT ROMANS



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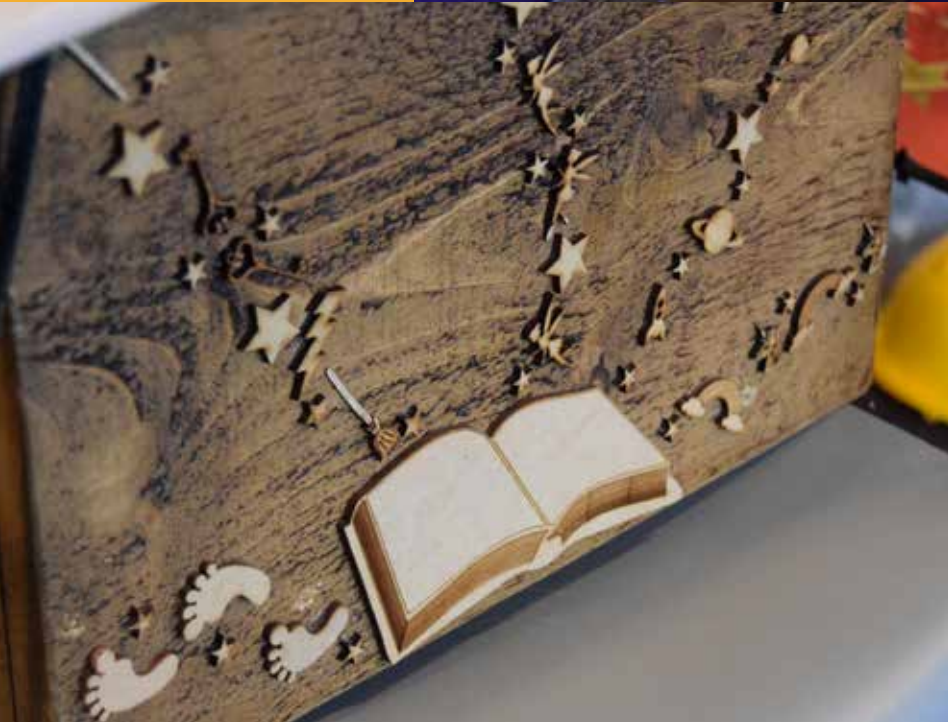
SUITABLE FOR
KEY STAGE 2

DELIVERED AT
St John's House, Warwick

DURATION
3 hours, from 10:15am to 2:15pm

MAIN FOCUS
Resistance, legacy and identity

CURRICULUM TOPICS
History, English and Citizenship



In this story world adventure, the children travel through a portal to a Roman Settlement, found on a 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 where students 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.

ANGLO-SAXONS



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SUITABLE FOR
KEY STAGE 2

DELIVERED AT
St John's House, Warwick

DURATION
3 hours, from 10:15am to 2:15pm

MAIN FOCUS
Invasion, treasure, ownership

CURRICULUM TOPICS
History, English and Citizenship



This story world adventure enlists the children as a team of archaeologists, commissioned to support archaeologist Maude Cleaver to secure the 'treasures' of a wonderful Anglo-Saxons 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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SUITABLE FOR
KEY STAGE 2

DELIVERED AT
In your classroom

DURATION
4 hours, from 9:30am to 3pm

MAIN FOCUS
Civilisation, discovery and belief

CURRICULUM TOPICS
History and English



In this story world adventure, the children journey to 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 for the afternoon session.

ROCKS AND FOSSILS AT CROSS HANDS QUARRY



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SUITABLE FOR
KEY STAGE 2

DELIVERED AT
Cross Hands Quarry

DURATION
4 hours

MAIN FOCUS
Fieldwork, working scientifically,
similarities and differences

CURRICULUM TOPICS
Science and 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) that perfectly demonstrates 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 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 the seasonal risk of inclement weather and the exposed nature of the site, we advise this workshop is booked for the summer term.

JURASSIC FOSSIL HANDLING AT MARKET HALL MUSEUM

SUITABLE FOR
KEY STAGE 2

DELIVERED AT
Market Hall Museum, Warwick

DURATION
2 hours

MAIN FOCUS
Observation and Classification

CURRICULUM TOPICS
Science and English



A fantastic opportunity to handle real Jurassic fossils from Warwickshire's Jurassic seabed and see the fossils on display at 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 sessions, 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 Sir Everard Home at the end of the workshop.



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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 and English

A series of workshops that use original documents carefully selected for different learning styles and abilities. These documents include 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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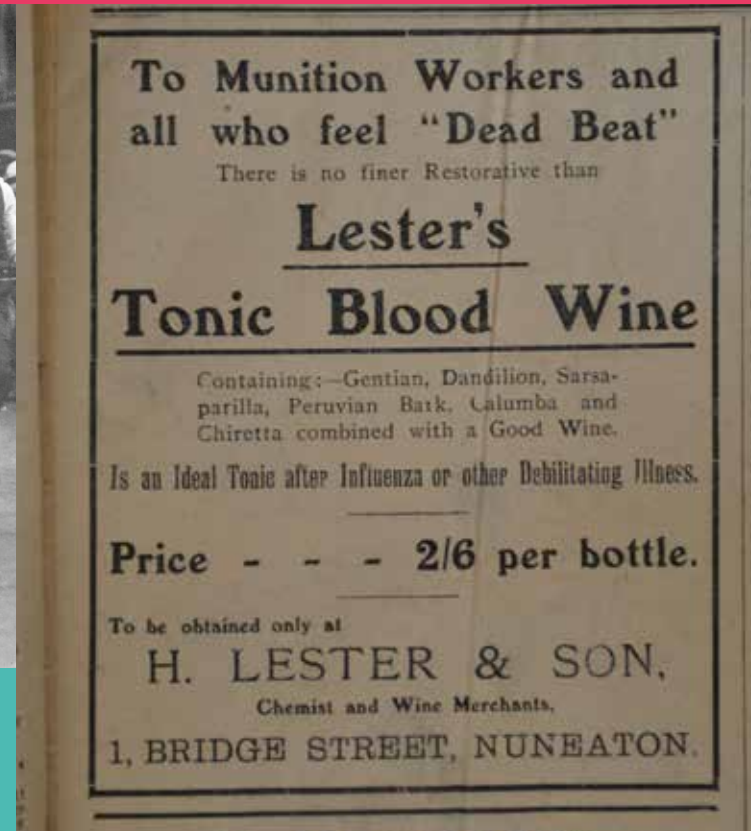
SUITABLE FOR
KEY STAGE 2

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DURATION
2 hours

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

CURRICULUM TOPICS
History and English



DISCOVER WORLD WAR ONE

A mixed collection of documents are available to be examined that cover the themes of World War One, specifically; the role of women, 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 as well as the cases of conscientious objectors. Read postcards and letters sent home from the front and documents highlighting the effects of the Home Front. On the theme of peace and remembrance, these documents give a glimpse into the lives of people during the War.

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CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

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 and English



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 crimes 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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HISTORY OF MEDICINE

SUITABLE FOR
KEY STAGE 2

DELIVERED AT
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DURATION
2 hours

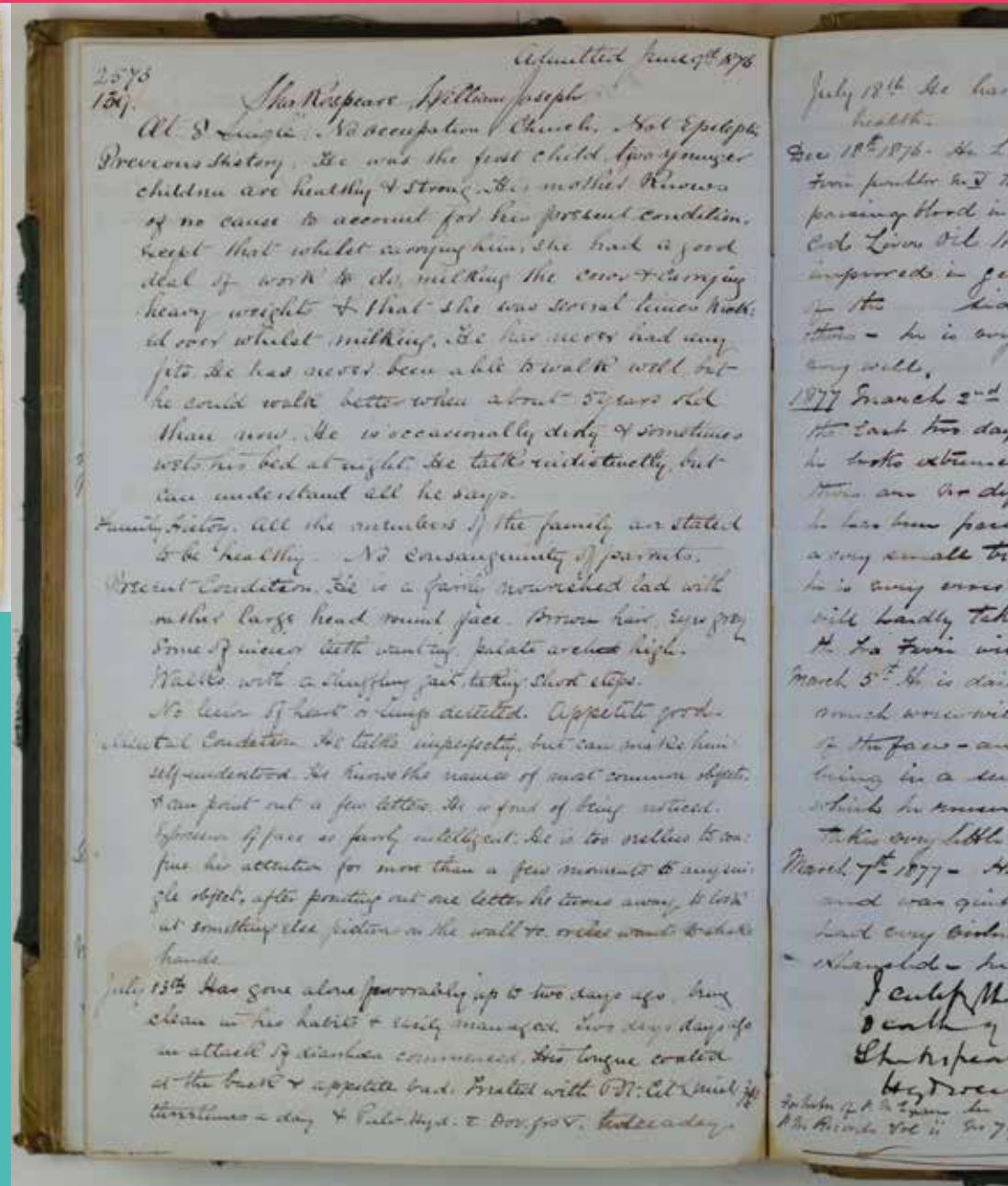
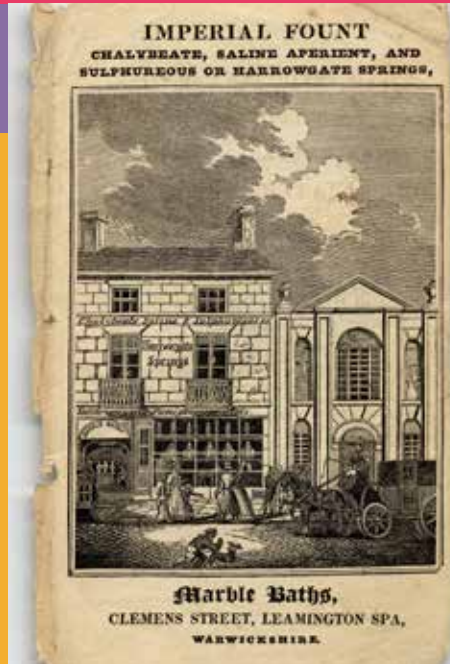
MAIN FOCUS
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historical sources, difference and
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CURRICULUM TOPICS
History and English

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 cures for illnesses, newspaper articles and adverts.



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HISTORY DETECTIVES

YOUR LOCAL HISTORY



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 and English



YOUR LOCAL HISTORY

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

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

SUITABLE FOR
KEY STAGE 1&2

DELIVERED AT
St John's House, Warwick

DURATION
1 hour per workshop

MAIN FOCUS
Continuity and change, materials,
classification

CURRICULUM TOPICS
History, English and Maths



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Support your classroom learning of Victorian life with an engaging and immersive visit to St John's House.

Each workshop lasts an hour and you can choose from different sessions to build your own day visit.

Our workshops regularly accommodate groups of 90 at St John's House, if your group is larger, please call to discuss.



VICTORIANS AT ST JOHN'S HOUSE

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 Victorian equipment to carry out the washing tasks. You will be able to ask our laundry maid questions about her job and compare new and old equipment used to do the washing.

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 the Victorian times?



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VICTORIANS AT ST JOHN'S HOUSE

SUITABLE FOR
KEY STAGE 1&2

MAIN FOCUS

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



VICTORIAN SCHOOLROOM

An immersive classroom experience, led by our costumed Victorian School Ma'am. Pupils will dress in basic costumes over their own clothes; pinafores for the girls and sailor's collars for the boys. They will then roleplay 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 adults too, and we provide a basic costume for you. However, you and your class are welcome to come dress as Victorians for your visit. The lessons 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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SUITABLE FOR
KEY STAGE 1&2

MAIN FOCUS

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



UPSTAIRS, DOWNSTAIRS

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

Examine the differences between Victorian domestic life and life 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.



VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS

SUITABLE FOR
KEY STAGE 1&2

DELIVERED AT
St John's House, Warwick. (Seasonal)

DURATION
3 hours, from 10:15am to 2:15pm

MAIN FOCUS
Traditions, comparison and family

CURRICULUM TOPICS
History, English, Maths and
Citizenship.



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Help Miss Skerritt, Queen Victoria's dresser, design some new Christmas bloomers for the Queen and learn about Victorian Christmas Traditions.

Meet our Victorian School Ma'am, Miss Roach, and experience a Victorian lesson from 1888 with a Christmas twist. Learn how the Victorians made Christmas Puddings with Mrs Danvers in the Kitchen, each class will take one back to school to cook.

Meet John the Gardener and learn about other Victorian Christmas Traditions, including why we decorate our homes with greenery. In this session, children will make a Christmas cornucopia.

Learn about the Victorian Christmas Traditions, share your ideas for decorating Queen Victoria's Bloomers, sing carols and help to decorate the St John's Christmas Tree before you go back to school. The historical concept of cause and consequence runs throughout the workshop as the children learn about the origins of the traditions we follow at Christmas today.

VICTORIAN SUMMER

SUITABLE FOR
KEY STAGE 1&2

DELIVERED AT
St John's House, Warwick. (Seasonal)

DURATION
3 hours, from 10:15am to 2:15pm

MAIN FOCUS
Empire, celebration and 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 Townsend, and learn about the Victorian Empire. Help Mrs Danvers, the cook, make butter and lemonade in our Victorian kitchen.

Learn how to march, curtsy and bow as required in the Victorian times. The children will make flags that reflect the changes in society during the Victorian Era. This day project is rooted in local history, exploring Victorian education, domestic life and Victorian values. The workshop offers the opportunity for children to compare life in the Victorian and Modern eras.



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LOCAL HISTORY CURRICULUM CONSULTATION

SUITABLE FOR
KEY STAGE 3

MAIN FOCUS
Local History to enhance your
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CURRICULUM TOPICS
History, English



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We support the integration of local history across the KS3 curriculum. Our team can collaborate with your history department to review the existing curriculum and identify opportunities to enhance it using primary source materials.

Why include local history in your curriculum?

- It evidences tangible links to how national events impacted local areas
- Ofsted reports show pupils knowledge and enjoyment of history is significantly enhanced
- 55% of Ofsted inspections select History for a deep dive.

LOCAL HISTORY

CURRICULUM CONSULTATION

SUITABLE FOR
KEY STAGE 3



We can:

- Identify local history links to topics in your curriculum
- Work with your history department to identify how primary source materials can be used in lessons
- Save staff time by carrying out a unique search of Warwickshire Museums and Archive to identify source materials for the classroom
- Provide up to 20 digital images of documents for use in the classroom.



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