



PRESTON PARK

MUSEUM & GROUNDS

Programmes for schools

Making a Mark programmes

Where we live and grow up is an important part of our identity. Making a Mark programmes encourage students to understand more about, and feel proud of, their local heritage and identity. Making a Mark supports students to explore culture and heritage through active, enquiry-based and creative learning. Students discover what an amazing region they live in and how they too can achieve.

Title: History and Art workshops

Main curriculum focus: Art and Design

Cross-curricular opportunities: History

Key learning outcome: Students will be more aware of a wider range of different kinds of artwork and how different media can be used to achieve the same end. Working with a professional photographer will help develop their techniques.

Main learning approaches:

Active learning

Creative learning

Description:

In this exciting, interactive day long workshop, students use original art works and photographs from the Museum collection and high quality reproductions from the National Portrait Gallery to explore how portraits are made and what they say about the sitter. In practical sessions, students explore a full range of art materials as they create each others' portraits and work with a professional photographer in the Victorian street to create their own Victorian photographic portraits.



Other programmes for schools

Reception and Key Stage 1

Title: Then and Now: Victorian Toys

Main curriculum focus: History

Cross-curricular opportunities: Technology

Description:

In this interactive workshop, students will be introduced to a brief history of Victorian toys, followed by a demonstration of how a range of authentic toys work. Children can then enjoy free time playing with and exploring a selection of wooden and tin toys.

Title: Mini Beast workshop

Main curriculum focus: Science

Cross-curricular opportunities:

Description:

Using popular bug catching equipment such as pooters and nets students explore Preston Park grounds searching for insects such as shield bugs, woodlice and dragonflies, and their habitats. Then they will record what they have found and where they found it.

Reception, Key Stage 1 and 2

Title: Then and Now: Victorian Wash Day

Main curriculum focus: History

Cross-curricular opportunities: Technology

Description:

Clothes washing has changed so much that it makes a great way to compare lives over time. In this hands on workshop students will discover the arduous tasks required to launder clothes in Victorian times, including washing with carbolic soap, putting clothing through a mangle and labour intensive ironing.

Title: Then and Now: Victorian Home

Main curriculum focus: History

Cross-curricular opportunities: Science (materials)

Description:

In this interactive object handling workshop students get to handle original Victorian household artefacts and compare them to their familiar counter-parts today. What is a carpet beater for and why did they need a stone hot water bottle? Conversations naturally arise about how difficult it was to live in times without the convenience of electricity and heating, making it easy for students to compare life then and now.

Key Stage 2

Title: Then and Now: Victorian School Day

Main curriculum focus: History

Cross-curricular opportunities: English

Description:

Children should be seen and not heard!' During this 'strict' Victorian school day workshop, children will learn about the three R's and enjoy two lessons; a typical reading and writing lesson and an arithmetic lesson.

Title: World War II

Main curriculum focus: History

Cross-curricular opportunities:

Description:

An introduction to the start of WW2, looking in particular at the areas of the Home Front, Rationing, Evacuation and Air Raid Shelters.

Seasonal sessions

We offer popular seasonal sessions throughout the year, e.g. Victorian Christmas. Please check with the Museum for availability.

Booking sessions

All workshops are available during specific weeks. Please check with the Museum to see available dates.

At the Museum

Workshop lengths vary, with price varying accordingly. Most leave plenty of time for schools to combine led sessions with independent exploration of the Museum, especially our treasured Victorian Street. Spaces to eat packed lunches are provided when booking led sessions. Details of all timings, maximum numbers per workshop, costs and scheduled dates are available from:

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