

Information for Teachers

Story of Peterborough KS2/3 Session

at Peterborough Museum



The story of Peterborough's rich and colourful past is brought alive with a chronological journey from 150 million years ago to the modern day with a range of objects and optional activities.

150 Million Years in an Hour

Boxes of mystery objects have arrived at the Museum for identification. All the objects and artefacts are from different historical periods and are related to Peterborough in some way. An object timeline is to be created, but there are no labels! Pupils work as history detectives as they consider what the objects could be what part of Peterborough's story they tell.

With upper KS2, discussions are made on what makes an object 'valuable' according to different viewpoints.

Museum Detectives

Explore the Museum building, searching and selecting evidence for the Story of Peterborough, completing a timeline booklet with evidence found. This is an independent activity. We recommend a pre-visit so that we can show you the galleries and talk through this activity.

Please see '[Other information](#)' for additional activities that complement this local history study.

National Curriculum links: History, English.

Learning objectives:

Participating in these 'Story of Peterborough' activities, pupils will:

- develop historical skills with enquiry and evidence based learning.
- develop greater understanding, knowledge and appreciation of their local history.
- develop an understanding of how our understanding of the past is constructed from a range of sources.
- identify, understand and appreciate what impact railways and the industrial revolution had on the local area during the Victorian era.
- articulate and justify answers, arguments and opinions during group work and analysing the mystery objects.
- gain confidence in participating in discussions and presentations.



Other information:

Duration:	Half day (up to 2 hours).
Cost per group:	£150 Our minimum charge for groups of 25 or less pupils is £120. Cost includes use of lunchroom.
Maximum group size:	Maximum number per group is 35 pupils. We can cater up to 3 classes in one day.
Recommended ratio:	Minimum 1 adult to 10 students.
Booking information:	To book, please contact us by phone or email. When the activities and date are agreed, a booking form and risk assessment is emailed to you. To confirm the visit we ask that you complete the booking form and email it back to us.
A note about behaviour:	School teachers have overall responsibility for the behaviour of their pupils and we expect you to support Museum staff with this where necessary. As you know, pupils benefit significantly when school staff and adults also get involved in the activities so please join in where appropriate.
Optional and additional activities:	<p>You can include the following activities to extend your stay to a full day. Please contact us for more information. Extra charges are applicable to museum and guide-led activities.</p>  <p>Historical City Tour Children will discover stories behind the buildings in a guided tour of the city centre as they literally retrace the footsteps of past inhabitants. (£90 per class)</p> <p>Extension to 'Museum Detectives' Many classes value extra time to complete their timeline trail (non-chargeable).</p>
Outreach?	We can bring the mystery boxes full of objects to your school and do the 150 Million Years in an Hour activity. Please note that we also bring along supporting images that tell the story of how Peterborough has changed over time on a memory stick and will need access to a laptop and whiteboard. Please contact us for further information and for costs.
Covid-19 precautions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objects and spaces cleaned before and after use. • Bringing 2 or 3 classes? Visits are offered on a Monday when we are closed to the public and therefore you have exclusive use of the gallery spaces. • Museum teacher will wear a face shield/mask and will keep their distance. • All school adults asked to wear a face shield/mask when moving around the museum. • Sanitise hands before and after handling. • No cancellation charges if the visit has to be cancelled due to following Covid regulations. We can reschedule. • Full Covid-19 risk assessment emailed to you at time of booking.

*"Great hands-on activity, children were very enthusiastic and engaged"
 (Teacher from Werrington Primary)*