

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 ½ hours).
Cost per group:	£105. Our minimum charge for groups of 25 or less pupils is £90. Additional £15 for use of the lunchroom.
Maximum group size:	Maximum number per group is 35 and the site can accommodate up to two groups at any one time. Talk to us if you would like to bring three groups on 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.
Classroom resource: 	For Peterborough schools, a ' Coming of the Railways' Classroom Resource Pack can be borrowed for free, for a week, prior or after your museum visit. The activities in this pack complement the museum visit activities. You will be asked on the booking form whether you would like this additional resource. Further information on this resource is available on our website.
Optional and additional activities:   	You can include one of 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. Be a Museum Curator – allow at least 2 hours In groups, pupils will take time using the museum interpretation to explore the objects and themes more before putting together a mini 'Our Story of Peterborough' exhibition of their own. Research, make models, write labels and display before opening up to the public! Available for one class only. Priestgate Vaults – If Walls Could Talk... Discover the story behind the Museum building (from Tudor home to WWII air raid shelter) and the past inhabitants with a guided tour of the cellar (Priestgate Vaults). Again, look for clues and listen to the stories of individual people throughout its history as they literally appear in front of your very eyes! 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. Extension to 'Museum Detectives' Many classes value extra time to complete their timeline trail (non-chargeable).
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.



"Great hands on activity, children were very enthusiastic and engaged"
(Teacher from Werrington Primary, 2017)

We are happy to tweak the sessions according to your needs.
 We welcome and encourage pre-visits.