

Information for Teachers

Toys from the Past KS1 Session

at Peterborough Museum



Peterborough Museum has a large selection of toys dating back from Victorian times to the 1970s - perfect for topics looking at playtime, childhood and materials.

Toys from the Past

A range of toys are looked at; focusing on its type, the material it's made from, how it works and how it compares with toys within living memory. Then pupils explore further with real and replica toys and games through enquiry-based play and discussion.

Make a Toy



A toy from the collection is used as inspiration for this craft activity. Follow a set of simple instructions and select from a range of material to make a pop-up toy to take back to school.

Please see '**Other information**' for additional activities that complement this history topic.

National Curriculum links: History, English, Science, Art.

Learning objectives:

Participating in these Toys from the Past activities, pupils will:

- develop an awareness of the past by identifying and discussing changes in toys and games over time.
- be able to identify and discuss similarities and differences between old and modern toys and games.
- develop an understanding of how old toys can help us find out about the past..
- listen and respond appropriately to adults and their peers.
- speak audibly and fluently when sharing ideas and observations.
- identify and name a variety of everyday materials that the toys are made of.
- describe the simple physical properties of each material from looking carefully at the toys.
- identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials.
- understand simple forces such as push and pulls when describing how a toy moves.
- develop creative skills in select from a range of materials to produce a replica Victorian pop-up toy.

Other information:

Duration:	Half day (1 ½ - 2 hours).
Cost:	£135 per group. Minimum charge for groups of 25 or less pupils is £120. An 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 wish to bring three groups on one day.
Recommended ratio:	1 adult to 8 pupils.
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 one or two of the following activities to extend your stay to a full day. Please contact us for more information. Extra charges are applicable to museum -led activities.</p> <div data-bbox="248 918 422 1088" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>The Magic Toyshop This drama activity is based on the story 'The Magic Toyshop' where some of the toys that the children looked at during the Toys from the Past handling activity, come to life!</p> <p>Toy Trail We have a selection of toys from the past in our permanent collection. Taking the toy trail will allow the children and accompanying adults to view and discuss these, as well as seeing the rest of the museum. This is a self-led trail and copies will be available on the day.</p> <div data-bbox="258 1176 432 1310" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Bear on the Bed – allow 1 ½ hours This is a great afternoon activity for one class only. Take a special look at one of our paintings from our collection and be inspired to create own collaborative artwork.</p>
Outreach?	We can bring a range of toys from the past to your school. Please contact us for further information and costs.

"Well organised and engaging...The children brought a lot of information back to class" (Teacher from Alderman Jacobs, 2016)

"A fantastic day, very well organised and well resourced. The children enjoyed all activities" (Teacher from John Clare Primary, 2017)

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