

news

We offer a wide range of FREE taught sessions and special events for all primary, nursery and special needs schools in the Borough. Turn over to view the full range of taught sessions we offer Key Stage 1 and 2, SEN and EAL pupils at Hackney Museum

Events at Hackney Museum

Toys Exhibition

7 March – 7 July 2006

Bring your KS1 pupils to *Toys*, Hackney Museum's latest exhibition, which features a sparkling selection of toys, games and dolls from the V&A Museum of Childhood. When you book a visit to *Toys* you will be sent a pack to help prepare with worksheets, activities and teacher's notes.

Staff from the V&A Museum of Childhood will run special workshops at Hackney Museum in June:

Victorian childhood

KS2 History: Unit 11 What was it like for children living in Victorian Britain?

KS2 pupils will explore the lives of Victorian children living in Britain. They will handle real objects, read archival records and discover the identity of a mystery person.

Games from around the world

KS1 Geography: Unit 24 Passport to the world Citizenship: Unit 5 Living in a diverse world Numeracy

KS1 children will discover how to play games from different countries and cultures. They will use games and maps to find out why we play games, what they can teach us and how they can help us in everyday life.



V&A Museum of Childhood

Hackney

Booking is essential. These FREE sessions have been developed by staff at V&A Museum of Childhood and are only available at Hackney Museum for a limited period.

NEW SESSION

Hackney Museum has been working with Horizon School, The Learning Trust and ALM London to develop a new handling session for SEN pupils. This **FREE** session will be available from May and must be booked in advance. Book early to avoid disappointment.

Planting the seeds of history
SEN PSHE & Citizenship, History & English (geared towards SEN pupils across the key stages who are performing up to and including History NC Level P8)

Investigate the belongings of nursery owner Conrad Loddiges who lived in Hackney in the 1800s. Pupils will explore mystery objects from inside an old trunk, comparing Conrad's lifestyle with their own. The session is designed to reinforce the pupils' understanding of themselves as they are today.



To find out more or to book any of the sessions advertised in this newsletter please contact:

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Handling sessions available in Hackney Museum

All handling sessions have been developed in collaboration with local teachers to ensure that they meet National Curriculum and QCA requirements. Each relates to the Museum's displays and supports the **History, Geography, Art, Science, English and PSHE and Citizenship** curriculum requirements.

Sessions last between 30 minutes and two hours, depending on the session and age of the children, and can be booked as part of a visit to Hackney Museum. Many sessions can be adapted for SEN and nursery groups.

You must book in advance to take advantage of the Museum's **FREE** sessions and group visits. Please contact Emma to discuss the needs of your group.

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KEY STAGE 1

Sound Snakes

KS1 Science: Sound and Light; English; Music

Sound waves are a difficult concept to explain to young children. At Hackney Museum we have taken the principle of sound waves and transformed it into the concept of sound snakes that can be felt, seen, heard and played with. Pupils use a variety of simple games to learn how we hear each other.

Old Washday

KS1 History: The Way We Were
Using objects from the Museum's collection pupils will discover the process involved in washing clothes in the old days and compare it to the methods used to wash clothes today.

Old Teddies

Nursery & KS1 History: The Way We Were; Science: Materials
Using new and old teddies from the Museum's collection the children will establish a teddy bear time line. Through a selection of fun games they will investigate the materials that teddies are made from and discover how they have changed over time.

Old Things

KS1 History: The Way We Were; Science: Materials
Some objects from the past are still familiar to children today, although the materials they are made from have changed. Pupils will handle a range of domestic objects from the Museum's collection such as a lemonade bottle, a telephone and some old soap.

Wooden World

KS1 Science: Life Processes & Living Things, Materials

It was as late as 1907 that plastic was invented and began to replace wood as a cheap, durable material for making everyday objects. Pupils will handle objects ranging from a spinning top to a policeman's truncheon to investigate how wood was used in the past and why it has been replaced with plastic

KEY STAGE 2

Raining Cats, Dogs and Fishing Rods

KS2 English: Literacy, Poetry; Art; PSHE & Citizenship; EAL
Idioms can be a difficult concept to explain to KS2 children. This session explores the literal and hidden/metaphorical meanings of everyday phrases from English, Turkish, Yoruba and many other languages. Through a variety of fun games your pupils will learn what idioms are and how to use them to make their creative writing more imaginative.

Travels with my suitcase

KS2 PSHE & Citizenship; Geography; Literacy; History: Victorians, World War II

This session investigates the different reasons why five people moved to Hackney. Issues are explored through the Museum displays, ranging from 'seeking work' to 'finding sanctuary', and will help your pupils create suitcases of the people they have been finding out about. Pupils will discover the reasons why they live in their local area, whether their family have always lived here or have recently moved to Hackney.

Shop, Stream and Sewage: Mare Street in the 1850s and 2000

KS2 History: Victorians, Local History; Geography: Maps & Rivers

From 1830 to the beginning of the 21st Century, Hackney has changed from farmland in Middlesex to a thriving metropolis. Pupils will use maps, pictures and a mystery object from the Museum's collection to investigate how and why Hackney changed.

A Spark in the Dark – Focus on Light

KS2 History: Local History Study Unit, Victorians; Science: Light, Inventions

This session explores the history of light in our homes and streets. Pupils will investigate different methods of historical lighting through object handling and will discover how matches were invented. They will explore the working conditions of the Bryant and May matchbox makers and the experience of making matchboxes for very little money in exceedingly harsh conditions.

A Spark in the Dark – Focus on Victorians

KS2 History: Local History Study Unit, Victorians; Science: Light, Inventions

This session uses photographs and worksheets to investigate the working conditions of the Bryant and May matchbox makers and the experience of making matchboxes for very little money in exceedingly harsh conditions. Pupils will discover how matches were invented and how the experiences of the match girls had an impact on women's rights.

Blood, Guts and Beowulf: Anglo-Saxon Storytelling

KS2 History: Invaders & Settlers; English

This session uses the Anglo-Saxon

tradition of oral storytelling to explore what life was like in England a thousand years ago. In small groups pupils create and tell their own stories inspired by Anglo-Saxon objects.

Sidney James, the World War II evacuee

KS2 History: Britain Since 1930 & The Way We Were

Pupils will become detectives in this session. Examining the contents of the suitcase they will discover how old the owner was, where they lived, what they liked doing and why they had to leave Hackney during World War II.

Dear Mum: Caribbean Journeys

KS2 English; Local History; PSHE & Citizenship

This session investigates what the Caribbean was like at the beginning of the 20th Century, why people moved from the Caribbean to Hackney in the 1950s and what their lives were like when they got here. Pupils will become detectives and explore pictures of the Caribbean together with objects from the Museum's collection.

Story-making

KS2 Interpretations of History: Britain Since 1948 & Local History, Oral History

Oral storytelling, docu-plays and oral histories tell us about the past in different ways. Pupils will examine different types of oral historical evidence and discuss truth and fiction. The session culminates with the pupils creating their own oral history questions and interviews. The skills learnt are transferable if you are doing an oral history project