

Prehistoric People - School Visit Activity Information

Key Stage: Two		All visits are for 1x class per day
Learning Outcomes: - Understand the differences between the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages and learn how people's lives changed over time. - Discover what prehistoric artefacts can tell us about the past by handling real objects and exploring how people made tools, clothing, jewellery and artwork. - Enjoy exploring The Norris Museum through creative and practical activities, building curiosity about local history and helping children feel the museum is a place for them.		
Session Costs: Morning Museum Session £2.50 per child (minimum charge £50.00 per session) Lunch at the Museum - Schools are welcome to stay for lunch after their morning session at no additional charge. - Food and drink must be brought with you. - Please let us know at the time of booking if you wish to stay for lunch, even if you are not booking an afternoon workshop. Optional Afternoon Craft Workshop £1.00 per child (minimum charge £20.00 per workshop) Special Offers - TRIAL OFFER – Multiple Visit Discount: Book more than two museum visits during the same school year and receive half-price afternoon workshops for every visit. - Loans Box Discount: Receive a half-price loans box with each museum visit booked, provided that: - The loans box and museum visit are booked for the same term. - There is one museum visit booked for each discounted loans box. - Combined Offer: Schools booking more than two visits and accompanying loans boxes can benefit from both discounts simultaneously.		
Session Schedule:		
9:30/9:45am	Class arrives	
10:00am	Introduction Activity: An introduction to the Stone, Bronze and Iron Age. Help us create a prehistoric timeline!	
10:30am	10-minute break Children welcome to have a small snack and a drink – brought with them	
10:40am	Carousel of Activities:	

	Whole class divided into 4 groups – 2 groups have activities in the Community Room and 2 groups have activities in the Museum Gallery – swap after 40 minutes.
Community Room Activities (Norris-led)	Artefact Timeline and Stone Age Carving Handle genuine prehistoric artefacts, from a baby mammoth tusk and flint tools to bronze axe heads and work together to place them on a Prehistory timeline. Explore images of Stone Age bone engravings before designing and creating your own engraved artwork on a bar of soap, finished with natural pigments.
Museum Gallery Activities (School-led with Norris volunteer support where possible)	I-Spy the Stone, Bronze, and Iron Age All activities (with clear instructions) will be set up ready. We recommend keeping the children in their two groups and have one doing the craft and the other exploring the museum gallery space for 20 minutes and then swapping over for the second 20 minutes. Craft: Examine replica jewellery, then make a pipe cleaner torc and try on you creation with Iron Age-style clothes Explore the Museum Gallery Space: Play the I-Spy Stone, Bronze, and Iron Age Game Complete the Prehistory Quiz Trail
11:20am	Carousel of Activities: 2x groups in the Community Room swap with 2x groups in the Museum Gallery
12:00pm	Plenary: Discussion with the children about the day – what have they enjoyed and why, what have they found surprising, interesting, etc.
12:10pm	Class Departs/Lunch Class either returns to school, or has their lunch (brought with them from school) in the Community Room or Museum Garden (weather permitting)
12:45pm	Optional Afternoon Craft Workshop Discover how prehistoric people prepared and used natural wool to make clothing and everyday items. Explore traditional wool-working techniques, learn about early spinning and weaving, and create your own woven item to take home.
1:45pm	Class prepares to depart