

Toys through Time - School Visit Activity Information

Key Stage: One		All visits are for 1x class per day
Learning Outcomes: - Understand that toys have changed over time and identify some similarities and differences between toys from the past and toys today. - Explore and compare a variety of toys by investigating what they are made from, how they work and how people played with them. - Enjoy exploring The Norris Museum through creative and hands-on activities, developing curiosity about the past 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 craft workshop. Optional Afternoon Story Time 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: What's in the sack? Use your sense of touch to identify the mystery objects hidden inside. Compare Brian the old teddy with Harry the new teddy. How are they different, and what do they have in common? Explore the materials used to make and fill them.	
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)	Make a kaleidoscope How did people make moving images in the past? Have a go at making your own kaleidoscope toy to keep. Examine optical illusion toys, zoetropes, thaumatropes and kaleidoscopes. Are they more entertaining than television, computers, tablets and phones are today?
Museum Gallery Activities (School-led with Norris volunteer support where possible)	What are toys made from? All activities (with clear instructions) will be set up ready. We recommend keeping the children in their two groups and have one doing the sorting and the other exploring the museum gallery space for 20 minutes and then swapping over for the second 20 minutes. Sorting: Examine a range of toys from different time periods and sort them into groups depending on their materials, shape, textures, colours and more! Explore the Museum Gallery Space: Enjoy a range of pictures books about toys of the past and present Complete the Toys through Time 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 Story Time Workshop Gather around the museum’s wonderful story mat for an engaging storytime adventure. Through interactive activities, discussion and imaginative play, children can help bring the story to life and become part of the action.
1:45pm	Class prepares to depart