



Maidstone Museum Compact Learning Programme from April 2021

## Inspiring Learning; Updated schools programme from April 2021.

We have continued to monitor the changes and restrictions imposed by Covid-19. We have adapted our schools offer so we are able to continue to provide schools access to our resources, by revamping our most popular workshops to become Covid-19 safe sessions. We are not currently able to offer our full programme. See below for our current offers.

Workshop activities that involve handling will be changed so that the objects are shown at the front of the class instead of being passed around, with laminated pictures of the objects being passed round in their place. Laminates will be cleaned between each class use. Our Loans Boxes are available for 5/6 week loans, with 1/2 weeks between to allow boxes and objects to be quarantined and then cleaned. Dates for these are fixed. (see separate catalogue)

**NEW;**

**Virtual sessions** offered via Microsoft Teams.

Sessions last between 30 min – 1 hour.

Each virtual session has a practical element that will need basic materials such as paper and pencils. Information about this will be included in your booking. We will beam into your classroom to be shown on a single whiteboard screen with the children sitting either on the carpet or at desks. We will be asking questions and getting them to interact with us so being able to see them is important.

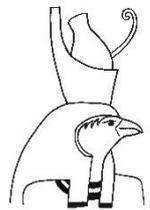
Sessions are available Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10am, 11am, 1pm or 2pm.

<https://museum.maidstone.gov.uk/learn/schools/virtual-learning/>

Please complete the Virtual Session Booking form which can be found on the above webpage.

### Ancient Egyptians – Mummification (KS2)

Learn about the process of mummification and the beliefs of the Ancient Egyptians. Sequence the process and match photographs of our artefacts to the process. Some images will be shown on screen and others will be emailed to the school ahead of the workshop to be printed for use during the session. Minimal resources will be needed. *NB if a related loans box has been booked for the same time we will adapt session to refer to some of the objects in the box if required.*



### Toys through Time (KS1)

Learn about the toys we have on display in the museum, with focus on materials and comparing to modern versions. This includes a short pre recorded film of the Toys in the gallery.



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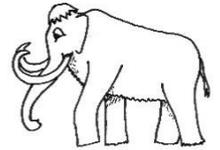
## Dinosaurs (KS1)

Identify different fossils, learn how they are made and what we can discover about dinosaurs by studying their bones. Dinosaur impressions included and encouraged!! Practice those dino roars!



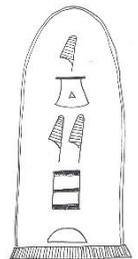
## Prehistory – Stone Age (KS2)

Learn about the life of stone age people, the tools they used to hunt and gather to survive. Some images will be shown on screen and other will be emailed to the school ahead of the session to be printed for use in the session.



## Ancient Egyptians – Hieroglyphics (KS2)

This session is based on objects in our Ancient Lives Gallery which will be seen in a short film included in the session. Learn about who, how and when hieroglyphics were first translated and how it helped historians understand reasons and uses of different objects. Includes a hieroglyphic writing activity.



## Ancient Greeks

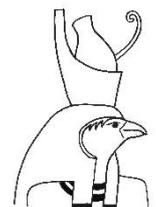
Learn about the people who used different objects and their beliefs. Learn about key features of the gods, and virtually sort objects according to their links to the gods. There is some standing and moving activity in this workshop.



**Outreach** – workshops will still last approx. 1 hour.

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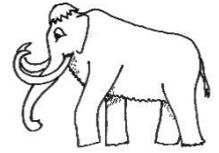
Learn about the people who used different objects and their beliefs. Learn about how beliefs link objects to their associated gods. The practical elements of this workshop involve laminated images of the artefacts we will show





## Stone Age – prehistory

Learn about the life of stone age people, the tools they used and how they hunted and gathered to survive. The practical elements of this workshop involve laminated images of the artefacts we will show



## Dinosaurs and Fossils

Learn how fossils are formed using actions, look closely at fossils and dinosaur bones and become a palaeontologist to record what you find. The practical elements of this workshop involve laminated images of the specimens we will show.



## Art Detectives

Investigate some of the Museums art collection looking closely at artworks for details, and unpicking what the artist was trying to share. Artworks will be shown via PPT and laminated versions used for close up work.



## Loans Boxes

Loans boxes are available for set periods of time – being collected and returned by you on set dates. This will allow us to quarantine them for 72 hours and clean the objects between loans. Please see the separate Loans Box Catalogue for what is included and dates for loans to be collected.



### **Boxes available;**

Ancient Egyptians – 3 boxes  
 Greeks  
 Romans  
 Anglo Saxons – 2 boxes  
 Fossils  
 Stone Age – 2 boxes  
 Inspiring Writing/Observational Art – 3 boxes  
 Dinosaurs – 3 cased dinosaurs (one loan)  
 Toys through time  
 Mayans  
 Minibeasts  
 WW2 Evacuee  
 Victorian  
 Ancient Sumer  
 Benin



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Natural History – cased stuffed animals/skeletons  
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Collection is from **Maidstone Museum, St Faiths St, Maidstone ME14 1LH**

### **Visits into the Museum – workshops will still last approx. 1 hour.**

We are planning for schools to be able to visit the museum from Term 6 onwards. We will initially be offering this for a single class on a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday for a limited choice of workshops to enable us to monitor safety, and as distancing and a one way route will still be in place. We will be able to offer exclusive access to the Ancient Lives Gallery which is currently closed to the public.

To allow for distancing, we will be splitting classes in half, with half doing the workshop first and half having a tour/explore of key galleries, and then swapping over after an hour. Tables in the studio will be in rows and the Learning Team member delivering will do so from the front, wearing appropriate PPE. (visor) We are hoping this set up will only be temporary, with us being able to accommodate more classes per day from September.

PPE is available around the museum. A separate Risk Assessment for these visits is available.

#### **Visit Plan;**

10am Arrive – main entrance

10.10 – 11.10 group 1 workshop, group 2 tour and exclusive Ancient Lives Access

11.15 – 12.15 group 2 workshop, group 1 tour and exclusive Ancient Lives Access

12.30 leave museum (lunch back in school)

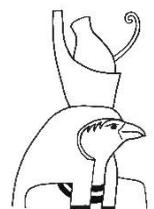
Unfortunately we can't accommodate lunches in the museum at present.

*We are offering visits to the museum from Term 6 on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.*

#### **Workshops currently available;**

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### **Costs;**

**Virtual Sessions;** introductory cost of £60 per class (discount available if multi classes in same session)

**Outreach;** As we have adapted our workshops we have also amended our prices.

- 1 Class for 1 Workshop £150
- 2 Classes for 1 Workshop each £235
- 3 Classes for 1 Workshop each £320
- 4 Classes for 1 Workshop each £400

Prices are for schools within a 25 mile radius of the Museum. Beyond this there is an additional charge of £20.

### **Loans Boxes;**

£50 per box per half term (see catalogue for dates)

### **Visits INTO the Museum**

£90 per class (class will be split into two groups for workshop/tour)

**Contact Roz or Vicky via the below email with questions, or to book**

Email; [museumeducation@maidstone.gov.uk](mailto:museumeducation@maidstone.gov.uk)

**Address for Loan Box collections;** St Faith's Street, Maidstone ME14 1LH

**Direct website link for Loans Boxes info;** <https://museum.maidstone.gov.uk/learn/loans-boxes/>

**Free resources;** linked to different objects in the Museum's collection;

<https://museum.maidstone.gov.uk/learn/learning-with-spike-at-home/>