

Wonder Boxes, workshops and trails

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Our fabulous loans boxes are the perfect stimulus for creative work across the curriculum, including science, art and design, literacy and history. Bring a little awe and wonder into your classroom with bird, mammal, amphibian and reptile specimens or skulls and skeletons. Or bring the past to life with high quality model dinosaurs and original and replica artefacts illustrating life in Ancient Egypt.

To find out more about content, availability, bookings and terms & conditions, please download our latest catalogue from the website or contact our admin team via mvs@portsmouthcc.gov.uk or **023 9283 4737**.

Talking Pictures workshop or CPD session at Portsmouth Museum and Art Gallery

Portsmouth Museum houses changing displays from the city's art collections. Find out how to use questions to bring paintings to life and reveal the stories they can tell with our Talking Pictures session. A great way to introduce children to looking at art. Sessions last around 45 minutes and are adaptable for KS1 or KS2. Also available as a CPD session for teachers exploring art as a resource for literacy.

For details please contact our Learning Officer, Tracy Teasdale via tracy.teasdale@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

Toys, Games and Pastimes workshop at Portsmouth Museum and Art Gallery

This fun, hands on session enables children to investigate and play with a range of toys and games from the past including vehicles, moving toys and board games. Taking on the role of Toy Detectives, children will explore materials, mechanisms, graphics and packaging to compare old and new and put the toys in chronological order. Delivered by a member of the museum learning team.

The historical room settings, Portsmouth at Play and Study in Sherlock displays in Portsmouth Museum complement this session perfectly.

The workshop is suitable for Key Stages 1 and 2 and lasts one hour. Workshops can be adapted to suit children with a range of additional needs.

Sessions can be booked on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, subject to availability of staff and the Activities Room. A minimum of three weeks' notice is required.

Cost: £2 per pupil. Minimum charge per workshop £40. Maximum 30 pupils per workshop. Groups can enjoy self-guided visits to related museum displays before or after their workshop.

Life in Second World War Britain at The D-Day Story

In this lively and interactive workshop children can learn about everyday life for families in Britain during the Second World War. Your group will investigate original and replica artefacts and documents including gas masks, items used by Air Raid Wardens, clothing, toys and household objects. Pupils will explore the different roles that people played on the home front, learn about rationing and evacuation and use role play to simulate an air raid and find out how people prepared for them.

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Workshops delivered at set times in the spring and autumn term. For details visit:

<https://thedaystory.com/plan-your-visit/schools-and-groups/>

Cost: £6.65 per child, which includes admission to the museum. Minimum charge per workshop £40. Maximum of 30 children per workshop, plus up to 5 adults. Accompanying adults free.