

Welcome to the Leicester Museums & Galleries learning newsletter.

Leicester Museums & Galleries include Leicester Museum & Art Gallery (formally New Walk Museum), Abbey Pumping Station, Newark Houses and Leicester Guildhall.

This newsletter will keep you up to date with museum learning news. It features our range of new curriculum linked digital resources to bring our museums into homes while our sites are closed during lockdown.

We have a range of creative ideas and films to inspire learning for a Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 audience.



What's New



Roaring Great Dinosaurs

This film focuses on two of Leicester Museum & Art Gallery's outstanding dinosaurs- the Neovenator and the Cetiosaurus and points out characteristics of these amazing creatures. The film has a strong localised theme with further focus on the Barrow Kipper and the Barwell Meteorite.

[Watch the Dinosaur film here.](#) Curriculum links: History, local study, pre-historic earth, rocks, fossils and paleontology.

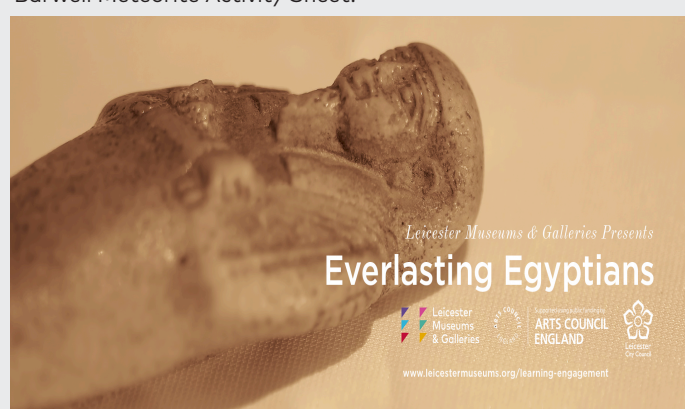
[Activity resources that support this film:](#) Dinosaur Gallery Activity Sheet, The Rutland the Dinosaur Activity Pack, The Barwell Meteorite Activity Sheet.



Roman Market Day in Leicester

The Roman film's narrative is based around a Roman market stall holder trying to sell his goods. When his working day is finished, he heads off to the baths for relaxation. He shows the viewer what he takes with him for his bathing experience, including his sponge on a stick and strigil, explaining how each item is used.

[Watch the Roman film here.](#) Curriculum links: History, interpreting the past from resources, chronological understanding, Romanisation of Britain.



Everlasting Egyptians

The Egyptian film, presented by a costumed Egyptian character, begins in the Death Gallery and discusses the process of mummification. In the Life Gallery, the character showcases a variety of real objects such as shabti's and amulets and discusses the importance of these in the Egyptian afterlife.

[Watch the Egyptian film here.](#)

Curriculum links: History and Geography, the importance of the River Nile, understanding ancient Egyptian civilisations and hierarchy, interpreting the past from resources.

[Activity resources that support this film:](#) Draw like an Ancient Egyptian, Make an Egyptian Mask.



Go Wild in Wild Space

The Wild Space Gallery tour at Leicester Museum & Art Gallery is presented by a stereotypical explorer character, complete with binoculars and a safari hat. The character begins with the extinction display case and discusses how the viewer can do little things at home to help the environment. From there, the character goes to each of the continents and focuses on a couple of animals in each of the display which we can still see today.

[Watch the Wild Space film here.](#)

Curriculum links: Geography and Environment, locational knowledge, geographical regions, ecology.

[Activity resources that support this film:](#) Wild Space Activity Sheet, Continents Map.

Our Current Offer



When our museums are open again, visiting one of our sites will bring learning to life through unique hands-on experiences. Whether schools are studying dinosaurs, Egyptian mummies, Victorian paintings or steam-powered giant beam engines, we have a host of resources available to use.

We have lots of different ways in which schools can engage during a visit to our museums including inspirational Active Learning Sessions, discussion cards, activity sheets and trails. All our sessions and resources can be viewed on our website:

[Learning & Engagement - Leicester Museums](#)

You can be reassured that all our sites are Covid-19 secure having been fitted with social distancing signage, Perspex screens at reception desks and hand sanitising stations. We have adapted our learning sessions to meet COVID-19 social distancing guidelines and to ensure they are safe for everyone.

Features



Downloadable activities

We have a variety of downloadable activities and resource packs available for teachers and educators that will compliment virtual learning and teaching.

[Resources and Activity Sheets - Leicester Museums](#)



Leicester Blitz

Studying World War Two?

Print the activity sheet from the web link below and use the prompts to help you imagine what it was like to live through The Blitz. Get creative and have a go at making the gas mask!

<https://www.leicestermuseums.org/news/the-leicester-blitz-1940/>

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