

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 Museum and Leicester Guildhall.

Welcome to the 2nd edition of our learning newsletter. It features our range of new curriculum linked resources and loans boxes to bring our museums into classrooms while our sites are closed.

We are currently planning to re-open our sites on 21st June, but please check our [website](#) for the latest information. We have added more detailed school visit information to assist with planning a visit for when we do re-open. Further details are included in this newsletter.



What's New



Roman Object Loans Box

This handling resource contains replica and original artefacts to enrich children's learning about the Romans. This KS2 box has cross curricular links to Art, Language and Literacy, and supports the following History curriculum links:

- The Roman Empire and its impact on Britain
- "Romanisation" of Britain
- The impact of technology and culture

Object cards provide brief descriptions about each item and many of the cards include suggested classroom activities. Further information and booking details can be seen [here](#).



Toy Object Loans Box

Supporting your KS1 curriculum, this handling resource contains replica and original artefacts from Victorian times to the present day. Pupils are encouraged to evaluate information, collect relevant information to sort, classify, compare, and develop enquiry skills to ask relevant questions.

Object cards provide brief descriptions for each item. Teacher's notes include background information and classroom activities. Further information and booking details can be seen [here](#).

THE RUTLAND DINOSAUR

The fossil bones of this dinosaur were found in a quarry near Rutland in 1968. The dinosaur had been buried for 168 million years. It is a Coelocursor (pronounced see-oh-sore-rus) and belonged to a group called sauropods, or more commonly known as "long-necked dinosaurs".

This species has four strong legs, long necks, small heads and long tails. He was given his nickname of "Rutland the Dinosaur" from the county in which he was found.

Every picture tells a story FAMILIES

Look for this painting in the gallery...

It's a portrait of Mrs. Matthew (Mary) and her family. It was painted over 200 years ago!

What are the first things you notice about the family? Is it the same as your family or different? How is it different or the same?

Things to talk and think about in the gallery...

What is Mrs. Matthew thinking? Would you like to wear those clothes? How would you feel if you were them?

Things to do at home or school...

Ask your family to pose for a portrait photo or selfie. Think about what clothes you'll wear and what writing you'll use. Use pencils, crayons, paint or clay to make your own family portrait.

Email your finished work to learning@leicester.gov.uk. The museum will be happy to see your creation and it may be posted on our website!

Cue Cards

To help you prepare and plan what you might like to see during a self-guided visit to Leicester Museum & Art Gallery, we have developed Cue Cards, available to download from our website.

[Here](#) you will see a small selection of objects from our wonderful collections, with photographs and descriptions.

Every Picture Tells a Story

Explore the fascinating paintings in the Victorian Gallery at Leicester Museum & Art Gallery.

We have developed a new series of postcards for families and schools. Each postcard looks at a different painting in the Victorian Art Gallery. There are fun activities for developing observation and thinking skills; inspiring curiosity and wonder.

Print the postcards [here](#) to use in the classroom or at home, or use them in the gallery during your next visit!

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

Life in Ancient Egypt: 'Meet the Mummies'

Leicester Museum & Art Gallery

Key Stage 2 Curriculum Links: History, Language and Literacy, Geography, Art.

1. Session Description

The 'Meet the Mummies' resource at Leicester Museum & Art Gallery will give pupils an insight into the lives of ancient Egypt. The resource is designed to be used in a variety of ways, either as a whole class activity or as a topic for individual learning. During the Active Learning Session pupils will gain the opportunity to:

- compare and contrast the life of an ancient Egyptian with modern life in Britain today, the Nile and the climate, geography and landscapes of the country.
- consider the challenges a variety of 2000 year old mummies and explore artefacts from ancient Egypt.
- view the museum Egyptian collection and discuss the objects.
- investigate through hands-on activities how they might create life in Ancient Egypt.

2. Session Length

1.5 hours (90 minutes)

3. Session Structure and Breakdown of Activities

Stage	Activity	Length of activity
10 minutes	Introduction and Welcome	10 minutes
10 minutes	Introduction to the life of an ancient Egyptian	10 minutes
20 minutes	Active Learning and Investigation	20 minutes
10 minutes	Activity Reflection and Discussion	10 minutes
10 minutes	Conclusion	10 minutes
10 minutes	Activity	10 minutes
10 minutes	Activity	10 minutes

Active Learning Session Plans

Session plans for all our Active Learning Sessions are now available to download from our website.

Session structures, a breakdown of activity timings, direct curriculum links, cross curricular links and suggested pre and post visit activities are all included in the plans.

Each plan can be viewed, alongside the session description on our [website](#).

Coming Soon! Digital Egyptian session

We are currently developing a digital Egyptian session to bring artefacts directly into your classroom via Zoom. The session, to last no more than 45 minutes, will focus on the purpose of amulets and shabti's and will look at how bowls and dishes were made 4000 years ago.

Look out for further information in future editions of this newsletter.

Contact Us

Get in touch with Leicester Museums & Galleries learning team by email if you have any questions or queries.

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