

Curious Curators

Aim

- To teach children about the work of museum staff and the importance of the collection.

Summary

This session uses a variety of objects from the museum collection to teach children about the importance of museum object and how they can teach us about the past and lives of specific people. The children learn how to handle object properly and how to assess them. They will also learn about the work museum staff do to preserve the objects and find out about them. This session can be structured in different ways to appeal to children of different ages and abilities.

What Happens in the session

- Introduction, what do we do in museums – 20mins approx
- Mystery object activity – 10mins (children look at an object and guess the answers to certain questions about it, the answers are then revealed and we see who got closest)
- Object handling time and work sheet – 15mins approx
- Sorting activity – 5mins approx

All key stages

Learning outcomes

- For children to have a better understanding of what curators do in the museum.
- Children learn how to sort different objects, using a wide range of criteria.
- For children to have a better understanding of how to look after objects.
- Children understand why museums are important and develop ideas about what makes a good museum.