

Preston Park Museum & Grounds

Theme Box List

Theme boxes are a fantastic way to support class projects, topics or complement our onsite workshops throughout the year. Full of engaging and interesting handling resources both originals and replicas they will bring history to life right there in your classroom! Contact the Museum Learning Team for more information or to book.



Traditional Toys

Discover what toys Victorian children would have played with using a huge range of replica wooden, metallic and windup toys for your group to try out.



Victorian Home

Whether it was a small family cottage or a large middle class townhouse, life in a Victorian home was very different to life in a modern one. This box contains a variety of Victorian household objects to explore.



Toys Through Time

Explore the different toys that have been played with through the decades including role play games, wooden, metal and plastic toys.



Victorian Washday

Discover how labour intensive a simple everyday task such as washing clothing was within Victorian households. This box is full of original and replica objects including washboard, flat iron, poss stick, carbolic soap and costume.



Victorian School Day

Learn all about Victorian schooling. This box contains items such as slates, inkwells, an abacus, maths cards, old photographs and a school bell.



Victorian Kitchen

Find out how different a Victorian kitchen was compared to our kitchen today. This box contains items such as bellows, pans, butter pats, wooden utensils, documents and old photographs.



Victorian Costume (KS1 & KS2 boxes available)

A great way to get into character by dressing up as Victorians, this box is a great way to complement our other Victorian themed boxes and contains 17 sets of mop caps/pinafores and flat caps/waistcoats.



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There are a wide range of theme boxes to choose from, however if you can't find what you're looking for please get in touch with the Museum Learning Team for help at museum@stockton.gov.uk or call 01642 527820/528842.



Pre-Historic Teesside

Perfect for exploring how our pre-historic ancestors would have lived within Teesside and developed with Tees Archaeology and River Tees Rediscovered. This box is full of authentic replicas including jet stones, skins, flint, bronze and pottery.



Anglo-Saxons

Explore Anglo-Saxon life with this box full of exciting replicas based on local and national archaeological finds. This box contains clay pots, coins, sword hilt, shield boss and costume as well as a replica of the Sutton Hoo helmet.



English Civil War (NEW!)

Explore the Civil War era and how it impacted the local area both for soldiers and ordinary people. This box contains flags, lobster pot helmet, musketeer costume, cutlery set, replica food and reference books.



World War One: A Soldier's Life

This box is full of original and replica items that highlight the realities of being out on the front line for a soldier. It includes uniform, Brodie helmet, medical supplies pack and Princess Mary Tin amongst many other items.



World War One: The Home Front

Learn about what life was like for the people in Britain during the war years. Full of original objects that explore the realities of how the war years affected the people of Teesside including propaganda, women's roles and everyday life.



World War Two: The Home Front

Discover what life was like for those left at home during the war years including rationing and evacuation. This box contains items such as a gas mask, evacuee suitcase, propaganda posters and warden helmet.



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Seaside Holidays

Take a historical trip to the beach with this fun collection of objects and memorabilia. Look inside to find original and replica artefacts including swimming trunks, souvenirs, penny lick and archive photographs.



1960s (NEW!)

Dive into the swinging 60s with this box full of wonderful colours and textures! A large selection of original clothing, books, pottery and soft furnishings. Also includes records of a local royal appearance at the Billingham Forum.

Museum in your Classroom

Creating a school exhibition brings a real sense of meaning to learning and gives purpose to children's work and our theme boxes are a great way to support this. The Museum in your Classroom toolkit links directly to the History, English and Computing curriculum as well as providing exciting cross-curricular opportunities.

The FREE online toolkit is a complete guide to planning, researching and producing an exhibition with your class and has been developed with the support of educational specialists and local teachers with funding from Arts Council England.

More information and free downloadable resources available from
www.teesvalleymuseums.org/schools/museum-in-your-classroom/

Booking Information:

For more information or to book one of our Theme Boxes please contact the Museum Learning Team via the contact form on the website, by emailing museum@stockton.gov.uk or calling 01642 527820/528842.

Hire Charges: All theme boxes are £35 each (except the Victorian Costume Boxes which are £50) and available to hire for a half term. Please note that these are not limited to schools, but any community group within the Tees Valley can hire these resources. We operate a drop-off and collection service on selected days within the Stockton-on-Tees area.



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