



Schools newsletter

Winter 2022



HERTFORD MUSEUM
Inspiring Generations

Dear all,

Welcome to Hertford Museum's Winter newsletter. Did you know that we offer a wide range of workshops both at the museum and in school from as little as £60? Some of this term's most popular sessions are listed below. Please see www.hertfordmuseum.org/schools to explore our full range of exciting visits!

Nelly's Toy Box

This workshop introduces children to Nelly, granddaughter of RT Andrews, one of the founders of Hertford Museum. Nelly was a regular visitor to the museum and this session is a chance to explore some of the kinds of toys she might have played with. With a wide range of old and new objects, this gives children an insight into how things have changed over time, the influence of technology, and how so many traditional toys are still popular over a hundred years on.



Journey to the Afterlife

After dressing up in a shabti or a schenti, this workshop gives children the opportunity to explore the beliefs of the

Ancient Egyptians in a truly immersive way. Using our life-sized mummy doll children take turns to participate in the mummification process by pulling the 'brains' (wool) out through the nose and removing the internal organs, then wrapping the body in bandages and performing the opening of the mouth ceremony.



Life-sized mummy doll



Shabti and schenti outfits

Roman Foxholes



Samian ware pottery

This workshop focuses on life in a Roman Settlement on the edge of Hertford. Using a range of replica artefacts, we explore agriculture, home life and personal items and children are encouraged to become amateur archaeologists; piecing together clues about the objects and how they were used. We explore sitemaps, using keys to work out what was found in an archaeological dig. And children have the

opportunity to try on a toga or tunic to see how a real Roman would have looked over 2000 years ago. This workshop can incorporate a visit to the Museum Stores to see our Roman Corn-Drying Oven; the only one in captivity in the world! Please enquire when booking.



Roman oil lamps

Other workshop topics include:

World War I, World War 2, Town Tours, Archaeology, Stone Age to Iron Age, Fossils...and much more! We are very happy to work with you to tailor our workshops to your learning objectives and we have a wealth of learning resources that can be loaned to schools as part of our Loan Boxes programme. Please get in touch at learning@hertfordmuseum.org.uk or visit our website for more information.

NEW EXHIBITION! Free to visit

The Proof of the Puddingstone

Geology and Climate Change

16 December 2022 – 16 April 2023

Utilising Hertford Museum's extensive geology collection, including Hertfordshire's native puddingstone, to help understand the past, present and future of the earth's climate.

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