

Museum of Wigan Life & Wigan Local Studies Free Induction

Ancient Egyptians or The Romans

Key Stage 2

Introduction

The Museum of Wigan Life contains a treasure trove of objects and resources relating to the history of the Borough. These sessions are great fun and give children a glimpse into the work of a museum, learning some of the vocabulary around historical research and encouraging group discussion.

A brief introduction to Wigan Local Studies will help everyone understand how to use maps, photographs and documents for historic research about the Borough.

Your class will learn about the Ancient Egyptians or Romans and view original objects both up close and on display in the exhibitions. Everyone will also have some free time to explore the displays with an activity sheet.

Pre-visit activities

Discuss:

Who were the Ancient Egyptians and where did they live?

OR

Who were the Romans? Where did they come from?

Find out:

Why was the River Nile so important to the Ancient Egyptians?

OR

When did the Romans live in Wigan?

Your workshop

We start with a group discussion about museums to learn some of the vocabulary of historical research. What are artefacts? Where do they come from? What can they tell us about life in the past?

Upstairs in Wigan Local Studies your class will get up close and personal to original historic maps, photographs and documents.

Back in the museum gallery your class will have an opportunity to learn about the Ancient Egyptians or Romans and view original objects up close. The session will culminate with a chance to explore the gallery in groups or pairs.

Follow up activities

Discuss:

What did the Egyptians believe happened in the After Life?

OR

How do we know the Romans lived in Wigan?

What evidence did they leave?

Find out:

How did the Ancient Egyptians write in hieroglyphs?

Can you write your name in hieroglyphs?

OR

What was Roman life like in Britain?

What did people eat and drink?

What did they do for entertainment?

Information

- This workshop will be delivered at the Museum of Wigan Life.
- The session will last for approximately 1 hour to 1 hour 15 minutes.
- Let us know in advance whether your session will focus on the Ancient Egyptians or the Romans in Wigan.
- To book or for any further information please phone : 01942 828128 or email wiganmuseum@wigan.gov.uk

To further support teaching the Schools Cultural Service also provide heritage workshops, book and museum loans.

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