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## Welcome to our Summer Newsletter

Firstly, the Education Team would like to say thank you to all the lovely schools who have joined us for workshops this year; it's been wonderful to have the museum filled with little voices and curious minds again.



Opening 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022

### Titanic Exhibition; Torquay Museum

Discover. Experience. Explore.

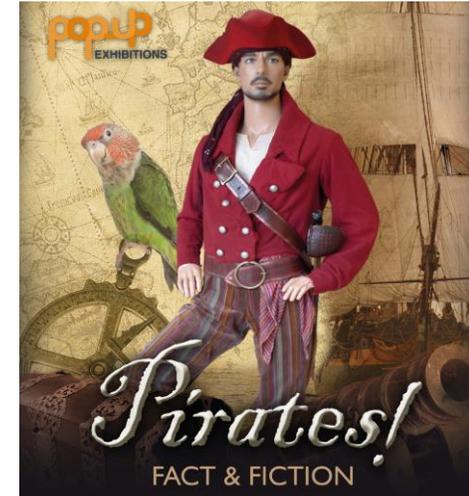
Special July offer for self-led school groups £3.50 per child

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In this special exhibition, created by Titanic Exhibitions, view artefacts from the ship, explore Torquay's connection to the Titanic, learn about the people that travelled on board, and come face to face with items from the wreck site.

Best explored in smaller groups of approx. 15, while the rest of your group tour our fabulous new **Pirates! Fact & Fiction Exhibition** and trail, a free audio guide tells the tale of the Titanic and its passengers and crew with beautiful music, sound effects and actors. The audio guide runs from a mobile phone.

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## DISCOVER, EXPLORE, LEARN.

We offer a wide range of exciting hands-on workshops for KSI & KS2.

- \* EGYPTIANS
- \* POLAR EXPLORERS
- \* STONE AGE TO IRON AGE
- \* ROCKS AND FOSSILS
- \* VICTORIANS
- \* HOMES IN THE PAST
- \* AMAZON ADVENTURE
- \* ROMANS IN DEVON
- \* MINI MUSEUM

All our workshops are led by our experienced education team and have enquiry-based learning at their core. They are designed to offer children an inspiring and memorable experience at the Museum. The workshops mix the chance to handle real Museum objects with drama, crafts, STEAM challenges and hands on activities.

## Cost

Half day led session - £6 per pupil

Half day led session, with space for lunch, and an opportunity to explore the museum - £7 per pupil

Full day led sessions - £8 per pupil

Self led visits : £4 per child.

We can accommodate 2 classes in one day for our Half day & Explore sessions.

Our Education Programme comprises two distinct areas:

**GEOHUB: Geology and the Natural World** - Torquay Museum offers ideal opportunities for children to engage with the UNESCO Geopark and its natural environment. Our collections include fossils and geological samples from Torbay and the wider world, as well as an extensive display of artefacts in the Ancestors gallery, which tells the story of the Bay's first human settlers.

**COLLECTIONS:** Our many collections and exhibitions are an excellent starting point for children to explore the history and richness of our own and others.

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## **Meet the Ancestors Stone Age – Half day workshop**

Step back in time and discover how the earliest humans lived from over 800,000 years ago to the present. What did they eat? Where did they live? What dangers did they face? Learn about climate change and how it affected the people who lived here and come face to face with some of the animals that roamed the area, including mammoths, hyenas, woolly rhino & scimitar cats.



## **Rocks & Fossils Discovery workshop - Half day workshop**

Come on a Fossil quest to discover Torbay's amazing landscape and prehistoric creatures, investigate how fossils are formed, learn about the different rocks in our local landscape and have a go at excavating and making your own fossils.



## **Amazon Adventure - Half day workshop**

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be an explorer? Come and discover the story of one of Torbay's very own explorers – Percy Harrison-Fawcett, Torquay's intrepid explorer and the real-life inspiration for Indiana Jones!! Learn about his adventures in the Amazon, including encounters with 62ft snakes, spiders and other creatures, and discover more about his final quest to find the mysterious City of Z. This workshop makes a fantastic starting point for literacy units on adventure stories.



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## **Life and Death in Ancient Egypt - Half or full day workshop**

Discover what life and death was like in Ancient Egypt, meet our boy Mummy Psamtek (the only Mummy in Devon) and learn about how Egyptians lived; what they wore, what foods they ate, who they worshipped and lots more. Reconstruct a Pyramid, scribe Hieroglyphics, and make scarab beetles

This workshop is offered as either a half or full day session with the opportunity to take part in a role-play embalming session in the afternoon.

## **Polar Explorers - Half day workshop**

Discover the extraordinary story of Torquay Explorer Frank Browning who was one of Captain Scott's party on the ill-fated Terra Nova expedition to Antarctica in 1911.

The workshop focuses on the story of heroism and endurance and includes mapping skills, object handling and STEAM Challenges.



## **Romans In Devon – Half or full day workshop**

Discover what life was like for people in Devon during the Roman occupation and how their lives changed.

The workshop includes handling objects, making mosaics or Roman Shields, clay oil lamps, and role play.

Half or full day session – during the full day session children will take part in Roman Army training.

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## Life in Victorian Devon – Half or full day workshop

Has your class ever wondered what it would be like to live in the Victorian era?

Bring them along to learn about the lives of rich and poor children, the tasks carried out by servants and how to use domestic objects of the period- they will carry out some of the tasks done by servants including polishing silver, sewing on buttons, laying a table and washing clothes.



## Mini Museum – Half day workshop

Our Mini Museum package will enhance your children's learning by getting them to work together to create their own "Mini Museum" in school .

Children will learn about conservation, cataloging and classifying artefacts and how to create their own exhibitions.

## Toys through the Ages – Half day workshop

Our workshop on Toys through the Ages focuses on the different toys and games which children played with in the past including board games from Ancient Egypt and Tudor times. Children investigate the similarities and differences between toys today and those in the past, introducing the concept of "old" and "new" and encouraging them to think about changes in living memory through handling and playing a variety of toys and games.

They also make their own Cup & Ball game, Peg doll figure, and Thaumatrope to take home.

## **How to book**

To book please contact the Education Team at the museum:

[education@torquaymuseum.org](mailto:education@torquaymuseum.org)

You are very welcome to make a pre-visit to discuss any extra queries you may have by contacting Reception or the Education Team.

## **Planning your visit**

### **Supervision:**

**Recommended ratios for supervision are:**

**1:4 EYFS**

**1:6 Key Stage 1**

**1:8 Key Stage 2**

If you are exploring the museum on a self-guided basis, we ask that there are enough adults to allow for the supervision of small groups.

### **Coaches:**

There is a drop off point for Coaches directly outside the museum on Babbacombe Road

### **Lunch arrangements:**

There are facilities available at the Museum for pupils to eat packed lunches (booking essential).

Our sessions can be adapted to meet your group's specific needs so please contact us.

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## *Christmas 2022 at Torquay Museum*

School choirs are invited to join us, to showcase their wonderful voices, in a series of performances of Christmas carols on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> and/or Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

On Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December, the museum will be running our Christmas events; we would love to include our local community in the festivities. The museum's fabulous double-height stairway will be great for projecting the children's voices.

Each school can pick the length of their performance; we are aware that some of the children might be quite young and may not be able to sing for an extended period of time.

Schools are encouraged to collect for their own charities during their performances.

If you are interested in booking a slot, or require more information, please get in touch.

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