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## 2023/24 Newsletter

A huge thank you to all the lovely schools who joined us for workshops in 2022/23; it's been wonderful to have the museum filled with little voices and curious minds again. We're looking forward to welcoming you all to the museum in the 2023 Autumn Term!

We had such a good time with your team last week that we would like to come back to you next year!  
St. Peter's Preparatory School,  
Jan 23

'Thank you again for the incredible experience and we shall certainly recommend Torquay Museum to others.  
We hope to visit again in the near future.'  
Decoy School, Nov 22

Dexter (Year 3) said  
'It was probably the best school day I'll ever have!' Jan 23

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### COMING SOON –

**A British Museum Touring Exhibition Egyptian Hieroglyphs: unlock the mystery**  
(21 October - 18 February)

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**We are very excited to announce that from Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2023 until Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024, Torquay Museum will have the privilege of hosting**  
*A British Museum Touring Exhibition, Egyptian hieroglyphs: unlock the mystery.*  
**During this time, we will also be offering a Hieroglyphs workshop alongside our Embalming workshop. Bookings will be taken strictly on a first come basis.**  
**Please book soon to avoid disappointment.**

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## Book a workshop

To book, please contact the Education Team at the museum with the following information:

- Workshop choice
- Preferred dates
- Approximate number of students
- Any special requirements

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

If you would like to pop in, prior to your planned visit, to do your own risk assessment or any planning for your self-led exploration, please let us know and we will put your name in the Reception diary.

We look forward to welcoming you to the museum.

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## DISCOVER, EXPLORE, LEARN.

We offer a wide range of exciting hands-on workshops for KS1 & 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.

Contact : [education@torquaymuseum.org](mailto:education@torquaymuseum.org) for more details.

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## Ancient Egypt Hieroglyphs Workshop - Full day workshop

Unlock the mystery of Egyptian hieroglyphs and discover how their decipherment revealed three thousand years of human history.

Between March 2023 and February 2024, the fascinating story of how hieroglyphs were decoded will be celebrated in a national touring exhibition with Torquay Museum being the last stop on the tour.

The family-friendly touring exhibition incorporates interactive elements to tell the story. It introduces visitors to great pioneers like Jean-Francois Champollion, who undertook revolutionary work on deciphering the ancient Egyptian language. Objects on display include an extract from the Book of the Dead, belonging to the priestess Nestanebetisheru, and a large limestone lintel revealing the name of Pharaoh Ramses III. Join us on a journey to unearth the central role hieroglyphs played in the life and afterlife of the ancient Egyptians.

This workshop will include a tour of the exhibition, as well as the opportunity to meet our boy Mummy Psamtek (the only mummified person in Devon), 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 a full day session with the opportunity to make your own papyrus in the afternoon.



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

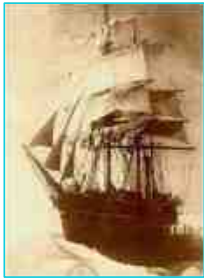
Discover what life and death was like in Ancient Egypt, meet our boy Mummy Psamtek (the only Mummy in Devon) and learn about how Egyptians lived; what they wore, what foods they ate, who they worshipped and lots more. Reconstruct a pyramid, scribe Hieroglyphics, and make scarab beetles

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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## 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 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.



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## 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.