

Loan Boxes for KS1 and KS2 available to hire from Milestones Museum

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TOYS THROUGH TIME

What toys did parents, grandparents and great-grandparents play with when they were children? How are these toys similar to or different from those that children play with today? Make a toy timeline using the variety of toys in this box, some over 100 years old, and discover how toys have changed over time.

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

The Lady of the Lamp is most famous for her work during the Crimean War, but her lasting legacy is how she changed the face of nursing making it a highly skilled, well respected medical profession. Using costume and artefacts, this box encourages children to explore the life of Florence Nightingale through role play and object handling.

SAMUEL PEPYS AND THE GREAT FIRE OF LONDON

The Great Fire of 1666 was a disaster for London, destroying more than 13,000 houses over four days. Much of what we know of the event has come from the famous diary of Samuel Pepys. Using this box your class can put Pepys in the hot seat and imagine what it was like to witness such a catastrophic event.

EXPLORERS

Francis Drake, Walter Raleigh, Christopher Columbus – these intrepid explorers travelled across the seas to find new lands and people. Using artefacts and costume our explorer boxes are a fantastic way of introducing the topic of early exploration to children.

SEASIDE HOLIDAYS

We love a trip to the seaside, but how has this favourite past time changed from the Victorian period to today? Our Seaside Holidays box contains typical items that a Victorian girl and 1950s girl might have packed to take on holiday. With a mixture of real and replica artefacts, this box is sure to spark lively discussion.

VICTORIAN SCHOOL DAYS

One of our popular boxes, this box contains pinafores and waistcoats to transform your children into a Victorian class. With objects that children would have used in the classroom, or played with in the playground, you can bring Victorian school days to the 21st Century.

STONE AGE TO IRON AGE

From hundreds of thousands years ago to the invasion of Britain, prehistory accounts for much of human history, but nothing was written down until the Romans came along, so how do we know about what happened? With our Stone Age to Iron Age box, your class become archaeologists, handling real and replica objects from the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age to find out what life might have been like.

ANCIENT EGYPTIAN LIFE

Pyramids, Pharaohs, hieroglyphics, the Ancient Egyptians are known for being an advanced civilisation. Our Ancient Egyptian life box contains costumes and artefacts to help you bring this topic to life in the classroom. Create your own museum using the objects, explore Ancient Egyptian creation myths and the lives of the pharaohs using the costumes.

HOWARD CARTER'S SUITCASE

When asked by Lord Carnarvon in 1922 what he could see in Tutankhamun's tomb, Howard Carter replied "wonderful things". Our Howard Carter box contains objects that Carter would have discovered in the tomb as well as objects and garments belonging to him all contained in a suitcase for children to explore.

ANCIENT GREEKS

The Ancient Greek culture has had a great influence on the western world; Olympics, democracy, art, literature, we still see evidence of this today. Using our Ancient Greek loans boxes your class can explore some of these ideas in a practical hands on way.

SAXONS

The time of the Saxons and Vikings is often call the dark ages as there's little documentary evidence for this period, but archaeologists have shown us that this was actually a time of art, culture and learning. Using our Saxons box you can bring this dark period into the light and discover what life was like for the Saxons.

VIKINGS

Raiders or traders? The Vikings have been portrayed as terrible warriors who killed anyone in their path. With a mixture of costume, artefacts and activities, your class can find out that there's more to these people than meets the eye!

TUDOR RICH AND POOR

We often think of Henry VIII and his 6 wives or Elizabeth I and her court when we think of the Tudors. Much of this period focusses on the important and influential people, but what was life like for ordinary people? Use our rich and poor box to compare and contrast the types of objects used by the wealthy and the poor.

WWII EVACUEES SUITCASE

September 1939 saw the first official evacuation of civilians during the Second World War. Children were the first to experience this, being sent to the countryside away from their families. Our evacuees' suitcase contains clothing and objects a child would pack to take with them. What would your class take with them, and what would they find hard to leave behind?

Prices from March 2023 (prices are subject to change):

One week £30; two weeks £60; three weeks £80; four weeks £90; five or six weeks: £100.