

DONCASTER CULTURAL CURRICULUM

LEARNING PROGRAMME BROCHURE



2025/26



WHY CHOOSE US?

Engaging with the arts, culture and heritage has academic, social and emotional impacts on pupils.

It can improve pupil attainment, enhance classroom learning experiences and develop cultural capital. It can also help students to express their own ideas, gain confidence and build observational skills. We know that engaging with culture can improve feelings of, self worth and that creative expression can provide pupils with ways to express their own ideas. Culture also provides the opportunity for pupils to relax and boosts wellbeing.

The Team

The Cultural Curriculum is delivered by a professional and knowledgeable team. The team hold Enhanced DBS checks and First Aid certifications



PRIMARY MEMBERSHIP SCHEME

Get more out of the Doncaster Cultural Curriculum and join the Primary Membership scheme. This is a way of saving money and becoming eligible for membership benefits.



GOLD PACKAGE (PER SCHOOL)

£1198

- 8 Curiosity Crates per year
- 4 workshops at Danum Gallery Library and Museum
- 1 outreach workshop at your school
- 2 assemblies with a library or history focus/ Parents Evening
- 4 hours teacher CPD
- Personalised book recommendations
- Termly newsletter





SILVER PACKAGE (PER SCHOOL)

£800

- 6 Curiosity Crates per year
- 2 workshops at Danum Gallery Library and Museum
- 1 outreach workshop at your school
- 1 assembly with a library or history focus
- 2 hours teacher CPD
- Termly Newsletter



BRONZE PACKAGE (PER SCHOOL)

£330

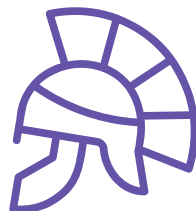
- 6 Curiosity Crates per year
- Termly Newsletter

Find out more:

www.heritagedoncaster.org.uk/education/primary-membership-scheme



SCHOOL WORKSHOPS



We offer a variety of workshops to support schools from EYFS to Key Stage 2. All our workshops can be adapted to suit pupils with SEND requirements.

Full Day	2 Workshops (up to 35 pupils)	£10.30+VAT per pupil *a minimum charge of £215+VAT for a full day
Half Day	1 Workshop (up to 35 pupils)	£6.20+VAT per pupil *a minimum charge of £160+VAT for a half day
Outreach	1 Workshop (up to 35 pupils)	£7.20+VAT per pupil *a minimum charge of £200+VAT for a full day

More than one class? No problem! We can accommodate up to 70 pupils a day.

Book Now!

www.heritagedoncaster.org.uk/education/education-school-workshops-booking-form

All our workshops provide hands-on, immersive and fun experiences that enhance the work that pupils have explored in classrooms.

LET'S DISCOVER

Pupils will engage with their topic through handling museum artefacts.



LET'S DIG

Pupils will examine topics from the past through archaeology.



LET'S WRITE

Pupils will be immersed in stories and enhance their literacy skills



LET'S EXPERIMENT

Pupils will get hands on and learn through STEM activities.



LET'S CREATE

Pupils will have freedom to explore the galleries and use this inspiration to make art.



LET'S PERFORM

Pupils will explore stories of the past, present and future through drama.



LET'S COOK

Pupils will get a taste of what life was like for people in the past.





DINOSAURS

Session length: 1.5 hours

Key Stage: EYFS.

EYFS Framework: Understanding the world, physical development & Literacy

EYFS

LET'S DISCOVER- DINOSAUR DETECTIVES



Pupils will go on a dinosaur egg hunt, learn how fossils are made and where they can be found. They will see our world famous Ichthyosaur 'Fizzy', and take part in a fossil dig, make pasta dinosaurs, stomp around like a T-REX and listen to a dinosaur story.

Session length: 1.5–2 hours

Key Stage: KS1 & KS2

Subject links: Science & Geography

KS1 & KS2

LET'S DISCOVER- DINOSAUR DETECTIVES



Pupils will learn how fossils are made and where they can be found, They will see our world famous Ichthyosaur 'Fizzy', handle genuine plant and animal fossils that are millions of years old and take part in a role play where they will dress in lab coats and investigate clues to find out which dinosaur is on the loose in Danum Gallery, Library and Museum.

EGYPTIANS

Session length: 1.5-2hours

Key Stage: KS2

Subject Link: History

WORKSHOP ONE LET'S DISCOVER- THE EGYPTIANS



In this interactive and hands-on session, pupils will learn about the Ancient Egyptians everyday life and their cultural beliefs, decode hieroglyphics to make their own cartouche, find out why the scarab beetle was so important and handle replica Egyptian artefacts.

WORKSHOP TWO
COMING SOON



FIRST WORLD WAR

Session Length: 1.5–2 hours

Key Stage: KS2

Subject links: History

WORKSHOP ONE LET'S DISCOVER- THE FIRST WORLD WAR



Pupils will discover what life was like on the Home Front in Doncaster and learn about how the role of women changed during this time by exploring and handling real and replica objects from the First World War.

Session length: 1.5–2 hours

Key Stage: KS2

Subject links: Technology & History

WORKSHOP TWO* LET'S COOK- LIFE IN THE TRENCHES



Pupils will discover what life was like in the trenches over 100 years ago for soldiers in the First World War.

Pupils will read real Doncaster soldier's accounts to find out more about the front line diet and make a cup of tea using a Tommy Trench Cooker.

*an additional £1.50 per pupil for resources



GREEKS

Session length: 1.5-2 hours

Key Stage: KS2

Subject link: History & Science

WORKSHOP ONE LET'S DIG- THE ANCIENT GREEKS



Learn about the Ancient Greeks through archaeology. Find out more about the techniques of an archaeological investigation, how & why an archaeologist chooses an excavation site and how this helps us to understand life in the past. During this session pupils will take part in an archaeological tray study and handle genuine and replica artefacts. They will take part in a coprolite study to find out more about the Ancient Greek diet!

Session length: 1.5-2 hours

Key Stage: KS2

Subject links: Literacy & Drama

WORKSHOP TWO LET'S PERFORM- GREEK MYTHS



Find out more about the Ancient Greek love for the theatre. During this session pupils will learn about comedies and tragedies, will create their own theatre masks and, in groups, rehearse and perform a short modernised Greek play.





OUR CITY

Session length: 1.5-2hours

Key Stage: KS1 & KS2

subject links: History & Geography

WORKSHOP ONE LET'S DISCOVER- OUR CITY DONCASTER



Pupils uncover Doncaster's past and discover what makes our city special. In this workshop there is opportunity to explore the museum and gallery spaces and get hands on with real and replica artefacts.

**This workshop is also available at
Doncaster Mansion House**

Session length: 2 hours

Key Stage: KS1 & KS2

Subject links: Art & History

WORKSHOP TWO*

LET'S CREATE- STAINED GLASS WINDOW



Pupils will take inspiration from the Parkinson & Sons' stained glass window advert to create their own stained glass advertisement of something they are proud of in Doncaster.

*an additional £1.50 per pupil for resources

RAILWAYS & TRANSPORT

Session length: 1.5–2 hours

Key Stage: KS1 & KS2

Subject links: History

WORKSHOP ONE

LET'S DISCOVER- THE JOURNEY OF RAIL



This session is delivered in our Rail Heritage Centre alongside two steam locomotives. Children will get the chance to explore the gallery and our extensive rail collection. They will learn about Doncaster's rich rail history and how it shaped the city today.

Session length: 2 hours

Key Stage: KS1 & KS2

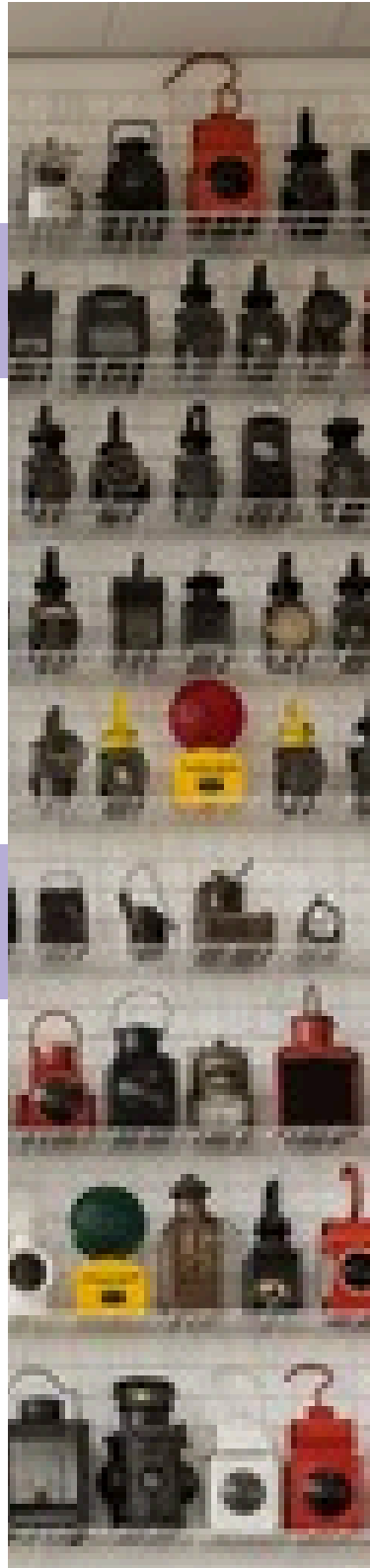
Subject links: Art & History

WORKSHOP TWO

LET'S EXPERIMENT- PROGRAMME A VEHICLE



This session is about building and coding. Using, LEGO® Education SPIKE™ Essential kits, pupils will work collaboratively, follow instructions and experiment with simple coding software to get the vehicle they build moving.





ROMANS

Session length: 1.5–2 hours

Key Stage: KS2

Subject links: History

WORKSHOP ONE

LET'S DISCOVER- THE ROMANS IN DONCASTER



Learn about Ancient Roman culture. Find out why the Romans invaded Britain and why they decided to settle in Doncaster.

During this workshop pupils will have the chance to dress in Celtic or Roman clothing and in an auxiliary soldier's uniform. They will handle genuine Roman artefacts that are around 2000 years old!

Session length: 1.5–2 hours

Key Stage: KS2

Subject links: History & Science

WORKSHOP TWO

LET'S DIG- THE ROMANS



Learn about the Romans through archaeology. Find out more about the techniques of an archaeological investigation, how & why an archaeologist chooses an excavation site and how this helps us to understand life in the past. During this session pupils will take part in an archaeological tray study and handle genuine and replica artefacts. They will take part in a coprolite study to find out more about the Roman diet.

STONE AGE

Session length: 1.5-2 hours

Key Stage: KS2

Subject links: History & Science

WORKSHOP ONE LET'S DIG- THE STONE AGE



Learn about the Stone Age through archaeology. Find out more about the techniques of an archaeological investigation, how & why an archaeologist chooses an excavation site and how this helps us to understand life in the past. During this session pupils will take part in an archaeological tray study and handle genuine and replica artefacts. They will take part in a coprolite study to find out more about the Stone Age diet.

Session length: 2 hours

Key Stage: KS1 & KS2

Subject links: Art & History

WORKSHOP TWO LET'S WRITE- HOW TO CARE FOR YOUR STONE AGE PET



During this session we will read the book 'How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth' as a class. Pupils will then get involved in some role play and write instructions on how to take care of a Stone Age pet.



TOYS

Session length: 1.5 hours

Key Stage: EYFS & KS1

EYFS Framework: Understanding the world,
Subject links: History

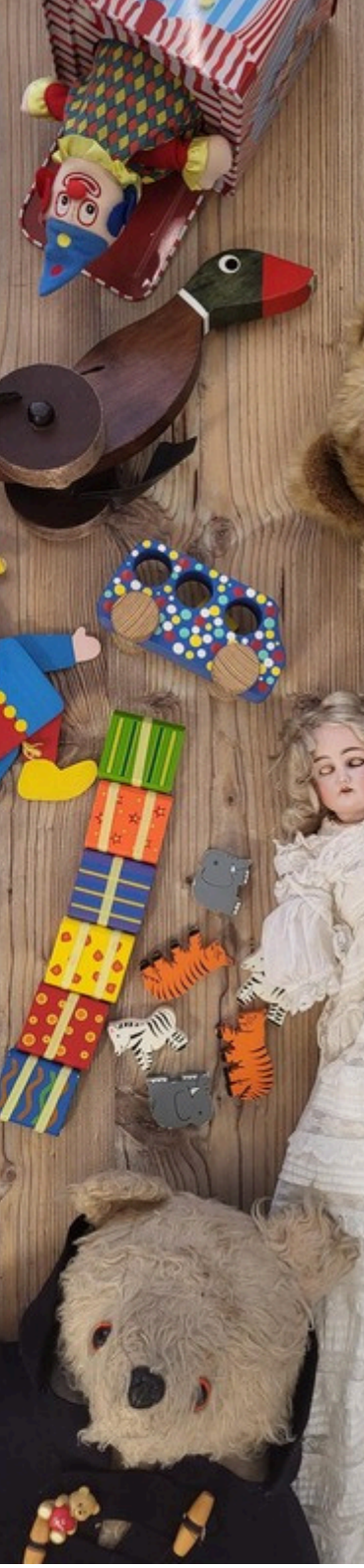
WORKSHOP ONE LET'S DISCOVER- TOYBOX THROUGH TIME



This workshop encourages children to investigate through play. Children will get hands on with toys throughout the ages and develop an understanding of change over time. They will look at the similarities and differences between materials and see how old toys moved without batteries or electricity.

MAKE IT A WHOLE DAY!

**PERFECTLY PAIRED WITH THE
TRADITIONAL TALES
WORKSHOP!**



TRADITIONAL TALES

Session length: 1.5-2 hours

Key Stage: EYFS & KS1

Subject links: Literacy

WORKSHOP ONE

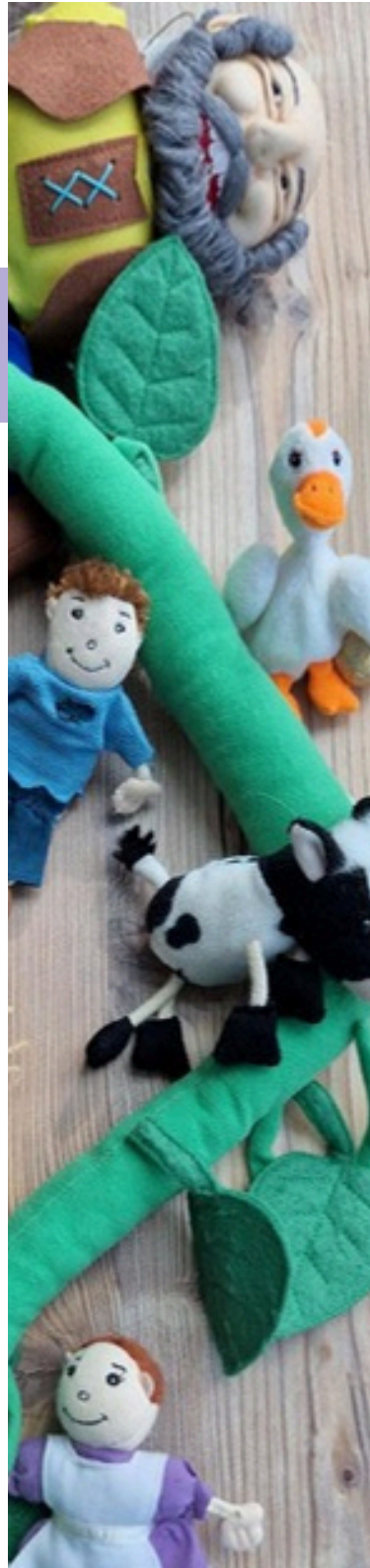
LET'S WRITE- TRADITIONAL TALES



Pupils will be introduced to the Children's library and discover what types of books they can find here. As a class they will use a story sack and use the props inside to tell a traditional tale. The class will then into groups and use puppets and props to retell other traditional tales in groups.

STAY FOR LUNCH

EAT YOUR PACKED LUNCH NEXT
TO OUR LOCOMOTIVES IN THE
RAIL HERITAGE CENTRE



A collection of vintage sewing tools and accessories arranged on a light-colored wooden surface. The items include a white bowl of yellow thread, a wooden spool, a black heart-shaped metal tool, a wooden spool, a green metal tool, a red wax bar, a wooden spool, a wooden tool with holes, a pair of black pliers, a white paper with the letter 'D', and a coiled piece of light-colored thread.

Key Stage: KS1 & KS2

WORKSHOP ONE

LET'S DISCOVER- THE VICTORIANS IN DONCASTER



Pupils will find out what life was like for children during the Victorian period in Doncaster. During this session pupils will explore the differences between rich and poor children, find out what finger stocks were used for, handle real artefacts and have a go at washing clothes with a scrubbing board and brush in an old dolly tub.

Key Stage: KS1 & KS2

WORKSHOP TWO

LET'S WRITE -BREAKING NEWS!



Learn about the Romans through Queen Victoria is coming to Doncaster! Pupils will use their journalism and literacy skills to break the news on this sensational story. Pupils will learn how to create an eye-catching front page of a newspaper, and become news anchors for the afternoon!

VIKINGS

Session length: 1.5-2 hours

Key Stage: KS2

Subject links: History & Science

WORKSHOP ONE

LET'S DIG- THE STONE AGE



Learn about the Vikings through archaeology. Find out more about the techniques of an archaeological investigation, how & why an archaeologist chooses an excavation site and how this helps us to understand life in the past. During this session pupils will take part in an archaeological tray study and handle genuine and replica artefacts. They will take part in a coprolite study to find out more about the Viking diet!

Session length: 2 hours

Key Stage: KS1 & KS2

Subject links: Literacy & History

WORKSHOP TWO

LET'S WRITE- COMICS



In this session pupils will discover Norse mythology and learn about its significance for the Vikings in their day to day lives. Pupils will then use these stories to explore storytelling through writing their own comics!





INTERPRETIVE ART

Session length: 2 hours

Key Stage: KS1 & KS2

Subject links: Art & Literacy

WORKSHOP

LET'S WRITE- INTERPRETIVE ART



During this workshop pupils will imagine that they have been sucked into one of the paintings in our Art Gallery. They will use their senses to describe what they may be able to see, hear, smell, feel and taste all around them. They will then use this knowledge to write an interpretive label to be displayed next to the art work.

MESSY MODELS

Session length: 2 hours

Key Stage: KS1 & KS2

Subject links: Art

WORKSHOP*

LET'S CREATE- MESSY MODELS



Using sculpture that is on display in our Art Gallery and our taxidermy collection as inspiration, pupils will create their own model using clay.

*an additional £1.50 per pupil for resources

PORTRAITS

Session length: 2 hours

Key Stage: KS1 & KS2

Subjects links: Art

WORKSHOP

LET'S CREATE- PORTRAITS



In this workshop children get the opportunity to explore our art gallery. By getting hands on with objects from our handling collection, children will find out what a portrait is, and think about the features of a face. Then it's time to get creative! In groups they will have the opportunity to use the objects to create their own portrait in the style of Giuseppe Arcimboldo.

STILL LIFE

Session length: 2 hours

Key Stage: KS1 & KS2

Subject links: Art & History

WORKSHOP

LET'S CREATE- STILL LIFE



In this workshop, children will explore our Art Gallery and discover still life drawings on display. Pupils will get hands-on with objects from our handling collection, and work collaboratively to create a still life artwork.



OUR SERVICES



CURIOSITY CRATES **£64+VAT PER BOX**

Each box contains books and up to museum artefacts. The boxes also contain resources and activity ideas to enable you to get the most out the box in the classroom. Full guidance is given on the handling of the museum artefacts. Delivery and collection from your school is included.



SCHOOL LIBRARY OVERHAUL SERVICE **THIS SERVICE IS CURRENTLY ON HIATUS**

Includes 2 full-days where 2 members of trained staff will visit your school library. They will remove outdated and inappropriate books, reorganise the remaining books and suggest books to be purchased.



TEACHER CPD **BESPOKE PRICE**

The Doncaster Cultural Curriculum offers professional development and learning opportunities for teachers, teaching assistants and other education providers.



SELF GUIDE VISIT **£3 + VAT PER PUPIL**

Visit the Danum Gallery, Library and Museum with your class. Purchase a self guide booklet that is filled with activities linked to our collections and exhibits and a souvenir pencil!

Tips

You can find out more about our services on our website:heritagedoncaster.org.uk



MOVING MUSEUM

We are looking to work with schools in the following areas: Woodlands, Adwick, Highfields, Carcroft, Intake, Mexborough, Thorne, Edlington, Stainforth and Moorends.

Are you planning a summer fair for 2026? We are looking for venues to host our Moving Museum, so that we can come along and share Doncaster's objects and stories.

Get families hands-on with history and become a part of our 2026 summer. Limited spaces available.

For more information email Eleanor.Beestin-Sheriff@doncaster.gov.uk

HOW TO BOOK AND FIND OUT MORE!



School Workshops

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heritagedoncaster.org.uk/education/school-workshops



Curiosity Crates

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heritagedoncaster.org.uk/education/loans



Outreach

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heritagedoncaster.org.uk/education/school-outreach-workshops



School Library Service

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Primary Membership Scheme

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