

Victorian Christmas



Foundation Phase and KS2

Morning visit with 1 facilitated activity and 1 teacher-led activity

Brief description:

Book a workshop and find out how Christmas was celebrated long ago in the towns and cities of Victorian Wales

Inspired by the traditions and the customs of the past, make and take home a festive decoration.

Feedback from teachers and pupils:

'Children were delighted. Very appropriate for level of children. Well-resourced throughout. The whole trip was a great success- will be back next year!' FP teacher.

'It gives the children a different approach to the Victorians – suitable for the whole of KS2.' KS2 teacher.

FP

Knowledge and Understanding of the World

Time and people

Children should be given opportunities to:

- begin to identify differences between ways of life at different times
- recognise the changes caused by time

KS2

Historical knowledge and understanding

Pupils should be given opportunities to:

- identify differences between ways of life at different times



This activity can be adapted for SEN – Please contact us to discuss.

This session can be adapted for special needs groups – please contact to discuss.

Learning objectives to:

- Understand what Christmas was like in the Victorian period in Wales.
- Gain an insight into the origins of Christmas customs and traditions.

Activity

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Facilitated activity:

This fun interactive 1 hour session gives pupils an insight into the origins of Victorian Christmas and Welsh customs. Pupils will meet the wife of a Swansea ship owner; Eliza Richardson and help decorate a traditional Christmas tree. Pupils will experience the sights and smells of a Victorian Christmas in Wales.

Teacher-led Activity: During this 1 hour teacher-led craft activity pupils will have the opportunity to make their own Victorian style Christmas decoration. This will include an orange and clove pomander, paper chains and a cornucopia.

Literacy - Oracy:
Developing and presenting informational and ideas.
Aspect:
collaboration and discussion

Health & Safety Information for schools:

<http://www.museumwales.ac.uk/en/learning/healthandsafety/>

Preparations :

- Discuss with your class: Christmas traditions like trees, cards, stockings, food, Father Christmas and pantomime.
- Explore traditional Welsh Customs e.g. Calennig.