



Washday Workshop

We look forward to seeing you at our Virtual Washday session soon. To help your pupils get the most out of the session, here are some ideas for discussion and activities to do beforehand:

Class/group discussion:

Think about all the different things that need washing e.g. clothes, hair, hands, dishes, pets, cars etc.

Why do we wash them? What do they look and feel like when clean / dirty? Opportunity to discuss importance of handwashing.

How do we wash different things? Do we use any special equipment? Where does our water come from?

Think about the different kinds of soap we use for these different jobs (you could use examples to show in class e.g. powder, liquid, gel, solid bars of soap etc.) Do some soaps only do certain jobs? How do the soaps look and feel? How do they smell? Do they make bubbles?

Extended activities:

Pupils could test different soaps to see if they make bubbles, if they dissolve in water etc.



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Pupils could 'make' their own soap in class, by grating bars of soap and adding dried flowers such as lavender or rose petals and rose water (plain water will also do!)

Homework:

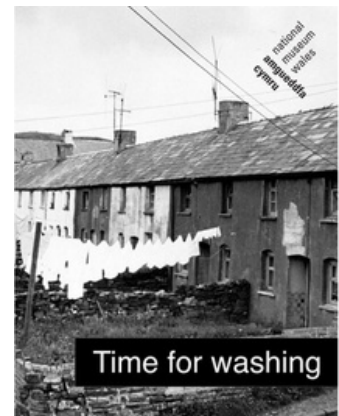
Find out how clothes are washed in your home. Maybe help with the wash? Feedback to class. How did you help? Were there any steps to remember?

'Interview' an older relative or neighbour. Do they remember washing clothes in a different way to today?

After your Washday session...

Use the Time for Washing eBook in class to explore more about washing in the past.

<https://museum.wales/learning/activity/325/eBook-Time-for-Washing/>



Make a peg doll

https://museum.wales/traditional_toys/peg_dolls/

