

Warrior Outreach

Girls & Boys Come Out To Play



Target audience: Key Stage 2

About the workshop:

In this workshop, pupils will find out about toys and games in the Victorian era and compare lifestyles of children from rich and poor families. Pupils will find out about Victorian leisure activities, join in with playground and parlour games and try out a range of Victorian-style toys and tabletop games. They will also have the chance to make a simple toy or game.

Curriculum links:

English (En1): 1a-1e, 2a-2c, 2e, 3a-3c, 9a, 9c, 10c

History: 1a, 1b, 2a, 2b, 4a, 4b, 5a, 5b, 8a, 11a and QCA Unit 11

Design & Technology: 2a, 2b, 3a

Learning objectives:

Children will:

- Describe leisure activities available to Victorian families and children.
- Describe similarities and differences between Victorian leisure pursuits and their own.
- Begin to consider differences in experience of people from different social classes.
- Begin to consider differences in attitudes and values between Victorian society and now.

What's on offer:

Introduction (10 mins)

The workshop leader will introduce themselves and the purpose of the workshop. The workshop leader will encourage pupils to share what they think or know about what life was like for children in Victorian times (e.g. children should be seen and not heard, a time to learn family values and moral principles, distinct roles and toys for boys/girls.)

Toys and Games for Boys and Girls (40 minutes)

Pupils will be split into two groups – “boys” and “girls” to play with Victorian-style toys and make a toy to take away. The toys and “makes” will be different for each sex – as they would have been in Victorian times. “Boys” will be given toys such as building blocks, trains, boats, soldiers and mechanical toys, will have maths questions to answer and will make a thaumatrope toy. “Girls” will be given toys such as dolls, tea sets, skipping ropes, colouring pencils and books, will design a needlework sampler and will make a peg doll.

Group game (15 minutes)

Pupils will learn and join in with the Victorian playground game “threading the needle”.

Learning morals (10 minutes)

Pupils will learn how the Victorians used the board game “snakes and ladders” to teach children that good behaviour would be rewarded and bad behaviour punished. They will also hear a moral poem by Hillaire Belloc.

Plenary (15 minutes)

A focussed discussion looking at 1) the differences in attitude towards boys and girls in Victorian times and the reasons for this and 2) whether all children would have had these experiences and the differences in lifestyle between rich and poor.

Additional activities

If you think you will have time to spare, we are happy to provide you with additional tabletop and role-play activities at no extra cost. Tabletop activities may include colouring sheets and Victorian-style handwriting. In role-play, children will have the opportunity to dress up in replica sailor uniforms from Warrior and use brushes and brooms to role-play scrubbing and cleaning the deck. Please contact us before our visit if you would like us to make these activities available for you.

Further information and bookings

The “Boys & Girls come out to play” outreach session works equally well as a stand-alone workshop and as an introduction to the ship prior to a school visit.

“Girls & boys...” lasts up to 90 minutes.
This workshop is available Tuesday-Thursday.

For additional information about this workshop, including price (dependent on distance) please contact Warrior's Learning Officer or Business Development Manager on 023 9277 8609 or email learning@hmswarrior.org

Visiting Portsmouth Historic Dockyard

If you would like to book a visit to HMS Warrior or any other attraction at Portsmouth Historic Dockyard, please contact the Advanced Sales Department on 023 9283 9766. They will be happy to advise you about availability and facilities and can work out a timetable for your visit.

Preliminary visits

To help with planning and preparation we strongly recommend that teachers make a **free** preliminary visit to the Historic Dockyard. This is a chance for you to familiarise yourself with the layout of the ship and facilities on site, plan your work and prepare your risk assessment. To obtain free entry you will need to bring proof of your teacher status and book in at the Visitor Centre.

If you would like to meet with a member of our Learning Team during your planning visit, please contact us to make an appointment.

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