

River & Rowing Museum

Key Stage 1: Boat Trail

Workshop Summary



The workshop focuses on the idea of a journey by boat, and gives pupils the opportunity to discover the scientific principals of 'Pushes and Pulls' as they consider how boats move through the water. It also gives a geography focus as they record and make observations with regard to people and places and introduces pupils to learning from objects from the past. In addition pupils can learn new vocabulary with regard to the parts of a boat.

Workshop Contents

Education Centre (Museum Tutor led)

- Pupils are introduced to the parts of a boat and think about how boats are powered using objects from our handling collection
- Pupils think about how different boats are designed according to what their purpose might be, whether it is to carry cargo, passengers or is a design for sport or leisure
- Pupils make a model sailing boat using prepared materials

River Walk (Museum Tutor led)

- This allows pupils to observe different boats on the river, beginning at the Museum jetty and walking along the towpath to Hobbs boatyard

Galleries (Teacher led)

The Gallery trail encourages pupils to become detectives. Each group is given a 'picture pack' of boats to find around the Museum. When they have found a boat, they can:

- Measure it
- Find out what the boat was designed to do
- Think about what material it is made of
- Think about how it moves through the water

Learning Outcomes

- Develop new scientific and geographical vocabulary and an understanding of boat terminology
- Develop an understanding of how boats move
- Consider why people make journeys using the Museum objects
- Carry out an enquiry by observation and recording

National Curriculum Areas Covered

- Science:
 - Exploring movement – Pushes and Pulls
- Geography:
 - Learning about the wider world
 - Observing and Recording
 - Asking geographical questions about people and places
- History:
 - Learning using objects from the past

Useful Pupil Preparation

- Pupils have some knowledge of travel by river and sea