

Vivacity Culture and Leisure Heritage Education Service
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Storytelling at Peterborough Museum



We have linked our collection and galleries with some very well known and loved stories that cover a range of themes and topics. Each of our storytelling sessions takes place in one of our galleries which provides a brilliant backdrop to these much loved stories. Each session includes object handling and a related craft activity.

Storytelling sessions are designed to provide children with a lively, multi-sensory introduction to the Museum and its collections. We aim to broaden children's experiences, extend vocabulary and introduce them to new opportunities through familiar themes.

The Tiger Who Came to Tea **Teapots, toasters and tiger tablemats!**

This active storytelling session starts in our Changing Lives gallery, next to our 1950's kitchen display. Lots of teapots and other objects from the 1950s home are first handled and explored before we bring the gallery and its objects alive with the story. The session then continues in our Education room with a craft activity; making a tiger tablemat, just in case a tiger should drop in for tea at their home one day...

The Gruffalo **Feathers and Fur!**

This active storytelling session starts in our Wildlife gallery. A specimen from our taxidermy collection is first explored before we bring the gallery and its animals alive with the story. The session then continues in our Education room with a craft activity; making Gruffalo puppets or masks for story re-telling.

Jurassic Funnybones **In a dark, dark world, there was a dark, dark sea...**

This active storytelling session starts in our Jurassic gallery. A range of fossils from our collection are first explored before we bring the gallery and its animals alive with the story. The session then continues in our Education room with a craft activity; making clay creatures and landscapes of their own.

Sharing a Shell

Handle a variety of shells from our collection in our Jurassic Gallery and enjoy a 'Sharing a Shell' storytelling session. Then make port-hole seaside collages to hang up at home.



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Peace at Last

Noisy household objects and noisy musical instruments!

Take a close look at some of our objects that would have been in a Victorian home in our Changing Lives Gallery. What noises do they make? Enjoy listening to the story 'Peace at Last', help to identify the objects and then make noisy musical instruments!

Mrs Mopple's Washing Line

Children help to act out the story with real objects and washing line, bringing the Changing Lives gallery and its objects alive with the story.

The session then continues in our Education room with a craft activity; making a magnetic washing line game for two to take back home to enjoy and share.

Oscar and Arabella Hot, Hot, Hot!

Teeth, tusks and mammoth masks!

Handle real bits of Ice Age animals and enjoy storytelling. Then get crafty with a woolly mammoth mask!

The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Bugs, butterflies and caterpillar pencil holders!

Get up close to lots of bugs and other animals in our Wildlife Gallery. Join in with 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' story and then make pencil holders.

Three Little Pigs

Roman tiles, Peterborough bricks and houses that hopefully will not fall down!

This constructive (!) activity starts in the Roman Gallery where **homes** is the theme. We then build on their understanding (sorry for the puns) with a craft activity where children build and decorate a home.

Owl Babies

This active storytelling session starts in our Wildlife Gallery. A taxidermy Barn Owl from our collection is first explored before we bring the gallery and its animals alive with the story. The session then continues in our Education room with a craft activity; making owl crowns to impress.

Maximum number of children:	60.
Duration:	1 ½ hours.
Cost:	£90 per group of up to 35 pupils (£75 for 25 or less children).