

Museum in a Box

Inspire your students with hands on activities and authentic historical artefacts!



Egyptian Funerary box,
with accompanying booklet



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History

Journey through the ages with a history artefact box! The artefacts and replicas are perfect for class discussion, material exploration or even creating your own mini museum exhibition in the classroom. Bring the past to life with a hands-on, interactive experience! Unless stated otherwise, all artefacts are genuine!

The highlighted loan boxes have been updated to include additional notes, photocopiable activity sheets, teacher's guidance and digital resources.



Anglo-Saxon

Replica artefacts: runes, stamps, pots

Travel back to ancient Mercia and explore Anglo Saxon pottery, the Staffordshire Hoard, and the magic of runes. Pack includes curatorial and drawing activities, interactive roleplay adventures and craft ideas.

Available 2

Key Stage 1, 2, 3, 4

Anglo-Saxon Costume

Replica costume:
male/female Anglo-Saxon outfits.

Available 2

Key Stage 2, 3, 4

Aztec

Replica artefacts: calendar, ocarina,
pestle and mortar, death mask, decoration.

Available 1

Key Stage 2, 3, 4

Egyptian Costume

Replica costume: wealthy and poor costume.
(Suitable to try on).

Available 1

Key Stage 1, 2, 3

Egyptian Everyday Life Artefacts

Beads, pots, amulets, make-up jars etc

Experience Ancient Egyptian daily life through genuine, thousands of years old artefacts! Pack includes curatorial, material analysis and drawing activities, alongside imaginative craft ideas.

Available 4

Key Stage 1, 2, 3, 4

Egyptian Funerary Artefacts

Amulets, scarab beetles, Osiris figures etc

The ancient Egyptian views concerning the afterlife are fascinating, and this box allows pupils a close-up encounter with death masks, amulets and shabti dolls. Interactive pack includes craft ideas and ancient games.

Available 2

Key Stage 1, 2, 3, 4

First World War

Queen Mary tin, trench periscope, identity card,
death plaque, gas rattle, medals.

Available 2

Key Stage 1, 2, 3, 4

Greek Costume

Replica costume: wealthy and poor costume.
(Suitable to try on).

Available 6

Key Stage 1, 2, 3

Greek Everyday Life

Oil lamps, sling shots, arrow heads,
coins, rings etc

The daily life of Ancient Greek is at your fingertips: explore Ancient Greek worship and war through genuine artefacts. The pack contains Ancient Olympic activities, recipes, worksheets and craft ideas to bring history to life.

Available 3

Key Stage 1, 2, 3, 4

Greek Replica Artefacts and Sculpture

Replica artefacts: Theatrical masks, discus,
coin, lamps, CD of music, posters and slides,
Maenad sculpture

Explore Ancient Greek culture through replica artefacts, including sport, theatre, sculpture and music. Activity pack includes everything you need to create an immersive history experience in the classroom.

Key Stage 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Native American Indians

Replica artefacts: wooden carvings,
books and cassette tape.

Available 1

Key Stage 2, 3, 4

Native American Indian Costume

Replica artefacts: male and female costume.

Available 2

Key Stage 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Native American Indian Warbonnet

Replica artefact: Warbonnet.
(Not suitable for wearing).

Available 1

Key Stage 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Prehistoric

Hammer, archer's wristband, spokeshave, axes,
core, chisel, and arrowheads

Travel back to Prehistoric Britain and explore life in the Stone Age, using genuine artefacts which are tens of thousands of years old! Pack includes drawing activities, digital resources, and ideas for outdoor adventures.

Available 1

Key Stage 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Roman Costume

Replica costume: wealthy and poor costume.
(Suitable to try on).

Available 5

Key Stage Foundation 1, 2, 3

Roman Everyday Life

Replica artefacts: oil lamp, coins, knucklebones game, wax tablets and styli and torc bracelet

Journey back to Roman Britain and explore how Romans spent their daily lives, using replica writing tools, ancient board games and lamps. Pack includes digital resources, interactive activities and worksheets.

Available 5

Key Stage Foundation 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Roman Kitchen

Replica artefacts: mortaria, samian ware bowl, hunt cup and face pot

The Romans enjoyed some unusual cuisine: rotten fish sauce anybody? Explore Ancient Roman culture using replica pots and the activities in the pack, including recipes, worksheets and digital resources.

Available 3

Key Stage 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Roman Mancetter

Various pottery shards, flagon fragment etc.

Available 1

Key Stage 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Roman Settlers

Oil lamps, coins, mosaic fragments, pottery shards etc

The Romans invaded Britain about 2000 years ago and left 400 years later! Archaeological evidence of their stay remains, and this box allows students to explore genuine artefacts made and used by Romans in Britain.

Available 6

Key Stage 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Roman Soldier Costume

Replica costume. (Suitable to try on)

Available 3

Key Stage Foundation 1, 2, 3

Roman Wall

Various pottery shards, beads, flagon fragments etc

'Wall' is a heritage site in Staffordshire, where visitors can explore the remains of a Roman town. The objects in this box were excavated at Wall, and offer a fascinating glimpse into everyday Roman life.

Available 1

Key Stage 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Second World War Air Raid Warden

Stirrup pump, warden's hat, flashlight, gas rattle etc.

Available 1

Key Stage 1, 2, 3

Second World War Baby's Gas Mask

Baby's gas mask with demonstration doll.

Available 3

Key Stage 1, 2, 3, 4

Second World War Home Front

Blackout lamp, badges, shrapnel, whistle and documents relating to the home front and a set of posters.

Available 1

Key Stage 2, 3, 4

Second World War Soldier's Kit

Goggles, uniform, cape and groundsheet.

Available 1

Key Stage 2, 3, 4

Second World War Tin Hat

Choose two from Air Raid Warden, Fire Marshall or Soldier.

Available 4

Key Stage 1, 2, 3, 4





Tudor Everyday Life

Tudors 1

Replica artefacts: goblet, coins, pattens, tyg, rushlight holder, trencher, lady's hat.

Key Stage 1, 2, 3, 4

Tudors 2

Replica artefacts: horn mug, spoon, book, comb and pane, inkwell, quill pen, shaker.

Key Stage 1, 2, 3, 4

Tudor Costume

Replica costumes: wealthy and poor costumes – male OR female – please specify your preference on booking form. *(Suitable to try on).*

Available 3

Key Stage Foundation 1, 2, 3

Tudor Costume Boy and Girl

Replica costume: Tudor costume for a boy and a girl. *(Suitable to try on).*

Key Stage Foundation 1, 2, 3

Tudor Costume Henry VIII and Lady

Replica costume: Tudor costume in the style of Henry VIII and a Tudor Lady. *(Suitable to try on).*

Key Stage Foundation 1, 2, 3

Tudor Everyday Life

Replica artefacts: horn mug, spoon, book, comb and pane, inkwell, quill pen, shaker

Explore the differences between rich and poor Tudors using replica objects of everyday tools. Pack includes digital resources, dance instructions, information about Blakesley Hall and fun craft ideas.

Available 5

Key Stage Foundation 1, 2, 3, 4,

Tudor Plague Doctor's Costume

Replica costume: Plague doctor's mask, hat and cape. *(Suitable to try on).*

Key Stage 2, 3, 4

Victorian Everyday Life

Stoneware hot water bottles, chambersticks, coins, candle snuffers, etc

Travel back to Victorian Britain and explore the way people lived 200 years ago, using genuine artefacts! Pack includes recipes for the wealthy and the workhouse, craft activities and digital access to museum resources.

Available 6

Key Stage 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Victorian Replica Costume

Replica costumes: wealthy and poor costumes – male OR female – please specify your preference on the booking form. *(Suitable to try on).*

Available 4

Key Stage 1, 2, 3

Victorian Women's and Children's Clothes

Authentic ladies' underwear – combinations, nightdresses, camisoles, drawers. *(Not to be tried on).*

Available 6

Key Stage 1, 2, 3

Vikings

Replica artefacts: pair of shoes, oil lamp, coins, purse, wool, beads, wooden spoon, Thor's Hammer, tooling leather, bracelets etc.

Available 2

Key Stage 1, 2, 3, 4

19th & 20th Century Life

A lot has changed in the past two centuries, but we have more in common with our 19th and 20th century ancestors than we might think! Explore the not-so-distant past with an interactive loan box, containing everyday objects that range from familiar to bizarre. Create a display about the lives of your great, great grandparents!

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Canals Artefacts



Seaside Puppets



Box Brownie camera

1920s Home Life

Assorted artefacts including: male and female clothing, dress-making patterns, ladies hair clippers, ornaments, buttons, purse, shoes, ointment.

Available 1

Key Stage 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

1930s Home Life

Assorted artefacts including: clothing for men, women and children, night light, cigar box, "Brownie" camera.

Available 1

Key Stage 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

1940s Home Life

Assorted artefacts including: clothing for men, women and children, literature from the era (magazines and books), metal shoe tree, etc.

Available 2

Key Stage 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

1950s Home Life

Assorted artefacts including: literature from the era (magazines and books), shoes, clothing, curlers.

Available 1

Key Stage 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Bed Warmers

A variety of bed warmers: stoneware, copper, Bakelite and rubber.

Available 1

Key Stage 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Canals Artefacts

3 boxes: Picture, water carrier, frying pan, picture, dipper, stool, mug, candlestick, red can with filter.

Key Stage 1, 2, 3

Corner Shop - Victorian to 1950s

Cigarette tin, toffee hammer, milk chocolate tin, counter bell, stoneware beer bottle, shopkeeper's apron, paper bag, tea container, coffee bottle.

Available 1

Key Stage Foundation 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Footwear, Handbags, Hats and Haberdashery

Two boxes: Victorian to 1950s footwear and a selection of handbags, hats and sewing patterns from the past.

Key Stage 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Heating / Lighting

Examples of heating and lighting from 1920s-1940s.

Available 1

Key Stage 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Kitchen Life

A variety of kitchen artefacts dating from 1920s-1950s.

Available 2

Key Stage 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Lady's Boudoir

19th and early 20th century bedroom artefacts.

Available 1

Key Stage 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Medicine Through Time

Bile beans tin, enema tin, glass eyebath, medicine bottle, carbolic acid atomiser, feeding cup and various other medical related artefacts.

Available 1

Key Stage 3, 4, 5

Nursery Days in the Past

Late 19th and early 20th century nursery artefacts.

Available 2

Key Stage 1, 2, 3, 4, 5



Lady's Boudoir

School Days in the Past

Late 19th and
early 20th century
schoolroom
artefacts.

Available 2
Key Stage 2, 3, 4, 5

Seaside Holidays

Brownie box
cameras, swimwear,
sunglasses, penny
lick, sand flags,
postcards.

Available 2
Key Stage 1, 2, 3



Seaside Puppets

Punch, Judy, Policeman, Baby and Crocodile.

Available 1
Key Stage 1, 2, 3

Washday in the Past

Washboard, dolly peg, flat iron, carbolic soap.

Available 1
Key Stage 1, 2

Toys from the Past

Replica artefacts: sets of wooden toys including
Jacob's ladders, cup and balls, Archie acrobats,
wooden tops and a zoetrope per box.

Available 5
Key Stage Foundation 1, 2, 3

What's This?

Late 19th, early 20th century artefacts to
stimulate discussion and develop historical skills.

Available 2
Key Stage Foundation 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Upstairs / Downstairs

Late 19th and early 20th century artefacts from
kitchen and drawing room.

Available 1
Key Stage 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Women's Clothes and Children's Clothes

Two boxes: A selection of women's clothes from
1950s and selection of children's clothing from
1930s-1950s.

Available 2
Key Stage 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Zoetropes

6 plastic zoetropes, animation strips,
information pack and worksheets.

Available 2
Key Stage 1, 2, 3, 4, 5



Toys from the Past

Religion

Explore the traditions of the Buddhist or Jewish faiths with a loan box of religious objects. Each item has been donated by a member of the community and would perfectly supplement class discussions concerning belief and culture.

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Buddhism

Prayer beads, Guanyin statue, Buddha Rupa, embroidery, bell, fragment of frieze.

Key Stage Foundation 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Judaism

Seder plate, Kiddush cup, Kippah, Tallit, Mezuzah, Hanukkah and DVD.

Key Stage Foundation 1, 2, 3, 4, 5



Buddhism

World Cultures

Travel across the world and explore vibrant cultures with an object handling box: each loan box offers exciting opportunities for art activities, class discussions, further research and even a music making session!

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Masks

African Textiles and Sculpture

Original West African textiles and adinkra stamps, replica Benin Plaque.

Key Stage 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Masks

Replica artefacts: African dot-painted mask, Ganesh mask and Raksassa mask.

Key Stage Foundation 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

World Music: Asia

Box containing a variety of musical instruments from Asia.

Key Stage Foundation 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

World Music: South America

Box containing a variety of musical instruments from South America.

Key Stage Foundation 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

World Music: West Africa

Box containing a variety of musical instruments from west Africa.

Key Stage Foundation 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Reflect on the beautiful patterns of the world around us: whether this means the swirling geometry of kaleidoscopes or the natural beauty of shells and fossils.

Perfect for inspiring art activities, discussing design concepts or investigating the splendour of the great outdoors.

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The Blind Girl
by John Everett Millais



Boer War 1900-01 - Last Summer Things Were Greener
by John Byam Liston Shaw

Designoscopes, Kaleidoscopes, Miragescopes and Periscope

A set of various refracting and reflecting scopes.

Key Stage 1, 2, 3, 4

Sources of Design

A selection of corals, driftwood, fossils, an abalone shell and sheep skull.

Key Stage Foundation 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Van Gogh Prints

A selection of the Dutch artist's finest works, displayed in an A1 folder.

Key Stage 1, 2, 3, 4

Fractals/Abstracts

Abstract and postmodern art prints, displayed in an A1 folder.

Key Stage 1, 2, 3, 4

Art at Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery - Portraits

Selected prints, showing BMAG's impressive collection. Displayed in an A1 folder.

Key Stage 1, 2, 3, 4

Art at Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery - Landscapes

Selected prints, showing BMAG's impressive collection. Displayed in an A1 folder.

Key Stage 1, 2, 3, 4

Story Boxes

Bring your favourite tales to life using props and costumes! Whether you are counting fruit with Handa, dancing with elves or cuddling baby owls, these loan boxes are sure to get everyone up on their feet and enjoying these storybooks. Story boxes come with a large full colour story book and a selection of props to bring stories to life in the classroom.

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The Elves and the Shoemaker

Key Stage Foundation 1, 2

Goldilocks and the Three Bears

Key Stage Foundation 1, 2

Handa's Surprise

Key Stage Foundation 1, 2

Little Red Riding Hood

Key Stage Foundation 1, 2

Owl Babies

Key Stage Foundation 1, 2



The Elves and the Shoemaker Box

Natural History

Our expansive selection of taxidermy and mounted skeletons supplement Biology, Art, History and Geography lessons: whether used to discuss environmental adaptation or as a subject in still life art classes, these loan boxes are fascinating and intriguing.

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Birds

All birds are in individual Perspex covers within wooden carrying boxes

Key Stage Foundation 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Barn Owl – 2 available

Blackbird (Male)

Blackbird (Female)

Black-Headed Gull

Blue Tit

Bullfinch

Chaffinch (Male)

Corncrake

Crow

Cuckoo

Jay

Kestrel (Male)

Kestrel (Female)

Little Grebe

Magpie

Mallard

Meadow Pipit

Moorhen

Nightjar

Pied Wagtail

Red-Backed Shrike

Robin

Short Eared Owl

Snipe

Sparrow

Starling

Swift

Tawny Owl – 2 available

Teal (Male)

Teal (Female)

Thrush - 2 available

Turtle Dove

Water Rail

Wood Pigeon



Female Teal



Kestrel

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Animals

All animals are in individual Perspex covers within wooden carrying boxes

Key Stage Foundation

1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Ferret

Field Mouse – 2 available

Mole

Rabbit

Shrew

Squirrel

Water Vole

Weasel



Ferret

Cat and Mouse Skeletons

In Perspex inner case with wooden carry cases.

Key Stage Foundation 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Dental Models

Replica artefacts: models of canine, incisor and molar teeth, including giant set of plastic teeth and giant toothbrush.

Available 1

Key Stage Foundation 1, 2

Food Chains

Illustrates food chains on land and in water, with frog, heron, vole and cat skulls.

Key Stage 1, 2, 3

Fossils and Coal Fossils

2 boxes: Fossils of plants and animals and Fossils within coal samples.

Key Stage 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Garden Insects

Moths, butterflies, bees, wasps, beetles in glass-topped box.

Key Stage 2, 3, 4, 5

Insect Life Cycles

Different species from egg to adult in glass-topped box.

Key Stage 2, 3, 4, 5

Miniature Human Skeleton

Replica artefact: miniature plastic human skeleton on stand.

Key Stage Foundation 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Skulls

Fox, cormorant, duck, stoat in individual Perspex boxes within a flight case.

Key Stage Foundation 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

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Inspire your students with hands on activities
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Add even more excitement to your Museum
in a Box experience with an online session!

Book an interactive live stream with our
history experts and experience a museum
visit from the comfort of your classroom.
These inspiring shows explore the loan box
through fascinating facts and storytelling,
whisk you away on a virtual gallery tour
or transport you to the past with
mummification, Roman soldier training
and mythological monsters.

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Roman and Egyptian online
sessions at <https://bit.ly/3pCJE3T>
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