

Blackburn Museum & Art Gallery – School Sessions

Fossils

This half-day session aims to get the children thinking about fossils – What is a fossil? How are they formed? Why are they important? It can be used to either introduce the topic or reinforce work already done in class.

If you have any questions or concerns please just ask our staff when you make a booking.

Aims:

- To enthuse children for the topic of fossils and palaeontology
- For the children to find out about different fossils and that there are more than just dinosaurs.
- For the children to learn that fossils can tell us about ancient worlds.
- For the children to see and handle real fossils.

Content:

1. Meet and greet pupils and staff,
2. Housekeeping 05 minutes
3. Q & A 10 minutes
We lead a discussion with the kids about the fossils they've heard of and what they know about them.
4. Trilobites, Ammonites and sharks 30 minutes
We have a presentation mixed with handling as the children get to look at a range of different marine fossils.
6. Past environments c.30 minutes
The children move to tables where they have a range of different marine fossils they can sketch them individually or produce seascapes working in groups
7. Craft – making a model Orthoceras 20 minutes
The children make their own model marine creature from pre-printed card
8. Summary 05 minutes
A quick summary with questions for the children such as:
“What have you learned today that you didn't know before you came?”
“What are you going to try and find out more about?”
9. Pack up and leave 05 minutes

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Evaluation: we always appreciate your feedback and we'd be grateful if you would fill in one of our evaluation forms before you leave.

Supporting materials: Currently, we have none available.