

Blackburn Museum & Art Gallery – School Sessions Portraits

This is a half-day session aimed at Key Stage 1 pupils. The session uses a mixture of activities introduce the idea of portraits and to get the children talking about art before they sit down to produce portraits of each other to take back to school.

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

Aims:

- To introduce the idea of ‘decoding’ a picture,
- For the children to have the opportunity to look at art and to talk about what they do and don’t like,
- To take part in a creative activity.

Content:

1. Meet and greet pupils and staff,
2. Housekeeping 05 minutes
3. Looking at portraits 20 minutes
The children look at three portraits in two of our galleries. The focus is on language and observational skills, with questions like ‘What might this person have done for a job?’ and ‘What is this person doing?’
4. Describing portraits 10 minutes
We talk about how we might describe a picture and then the children and staff, in small groups, look around our Victorian Gallery, choose a picture and talk about it – which they like it, what they think it’s about and does it make them feel happy or sad? Etc.
6. Making their own portrait 40 minutes
Finally, the children bring together everything they’ve learned, together with practical tips on how to draw faces and use it to draw a portrait of a friend.
7. Pack up and leave 05 minutes

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