

Blackburn Museum & Art Gallery – School Sessions

WW2 Home Front

The session aims to help the children find out about the impact of WW2 on the people of Blackburn and especially on the experiences of children. However, this is a huge topic and so the staff who deliver this session are happy to be flexible in what they deliver.

Please discuss this with our staff when you make your booking.

Aims:

- To enthuse children for the topic of WW2
- To get children to appreciate how the lives of children seventy years ago were different from theirs.

Content:

1. Meet and greet pupils and staff,
2. Housekeeping 05 minutes
3. Introduction 10 minutes
“What can you tell me about WW2?” – A Q&A to establish what the children know - key dates, personalities, nations (to address diversity), reasons why we should study it etc.
4. Finding out 20 minutes
½ class look at the banners put up in Skill and Labour and answer the questions on a worksheet,
5. A handling session 20 minutes
½ class work in South Asian Gallery with me on the object tables.
The children will be able to look at and handle a selection of objects from the period.
6. Meeting Richard Croasdale (if available) 15 minutes
The children meet Richard, who was nine when the war ended; they can listen to a couple of his stories and they get to ask him some questions of their own
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: We have a free clothes rationing exercise you can take back to school with you and we have three loan boxes available, this contains original WW2 artefacts together with modern copies of ID cards etc. Together with CD and DVD that can be used to

support your lessons, either before you visit or afterwards. Each box costs £20 for a two week loan.