



KS3/4: A Dickensian Christmas

Using experience, and artefacts inspired by the literature of Dickens pupils will develop their contextual understanding of Victorian life.

Pupils will

- Compare Bob Cratchitt to the Life of Holst Maid Julia Giles in order to learn about Nineteenth Century working conditions and pay.
- Toast bread on our coal fired range, learning about Victorian cooking and shopping.
- Compare Holst as a child with Tiny Tim to broaden understanding of disability, charity and philanthropy in Victorian Britain.
- Play Parlour games in the Nursery invoking the mischievous spirit of Scrooge's nephew, comparing a Victorian childhood to that children experience today.
- See the Museum's rooms beautifully decorated for Christmas

Curriculum links

The session will help to ensure that all pupils can:

- Use discussion in order to learn
- Elaborate and clearly make inferences and refer to evidence in the text
- Know the purpose, audience for and context of the author's writing
- Draw on this context to support comprehension.

This session can be adapted to provide a contextual understanding of other Nineteenth Century texts.

Cost

- £4.50 per child or £65 minimum charge; helpers free
- 2 hour session
- Maximum 1 class in the Museum at any one time

Availability

Available all year; booking necessary.

Museum Shop We have a Museum shop with pocket money toys for between £1 and £3.50. Please let us know at time of booking if you'd like to use our shop.

