

The Victorian Doctor

KS2 Outreach Session

Key Info

Duration: Up to 45 minutes
Cost: £160: one group
£250: two groups
£340: three groups
£380: four groups
Plus travel expenses.
Prices exc. VAT

Max Group Size: 30

Booking Process & Questions:
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When the activities and date are agreed, a booking form and risk assessment are emailed to you.

To confirm the visit we ask that you complete the booking form and email it back to us.

During this period of enormous advancement in medical practice, Peterborough Infirmary was housed in what is now Peterborough Museum. As a training hospital and with pioneering medical staff, the Infirmary was at the forefront of these advancements. Victorian life is fascinating to explore through the topic of medicine. In this activity, pupils travel back in time to 1901 and meet either Dr Jex-Blake (one of the first female doctors of her time) or Dr Walker who are out on call to your school.

Learning Objectives

- To learn about the changes in medical practice (an aspect of social history)
- To show an understanding of aspects of Victorian life and be able to note change, cause, similarity and difference.
- To understand how past knowledge of medicinal herbs has been useful in developing modern drugs.
- To understand how our knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of sources.
- To participate in discussions, role-play, improvisations and debates.
- To consider and evaluate different viewpoints, attending to and building on the contributions of others.
- To show an understanding that good practices can contribute to good health.

Activity

We imagine it is 1901 and the doctor has been called out to your school to see some children with different Victorian ailments. Pupils are given symptoms of Victorian ailments and then discover if and how they would have been treated. What modern, Victorian medical practice will they administer and how does this compare with times past and future? As the doctor works through the 'patients', there are opportunities to handle real artefacts from this period.

You might be interested in:

Victorian Medicine, Roman or Tudor school sessions at Peterborough Museum, which all include medicine-based sessions. Discover more about Peterborough Infirmary and Victorian medicine. The Tudor and Roman sessions include the Tudor Barber Surgeon and Roman Surgeon, if you are studying Medicine Through Time. They can also be offered as standalone sessions as part of 'History in an Hour'

Other Outreach Sessions:

Meet the Roman Surgeon, the Tudor Barber Surgeon, the WW2 ARP Warden or discover Toys from the Past, Roman Life and Times, the Story of Peterborough, Under the Jurassic Sea, Human Evolution, and Fossils and Evolution

