PETERBOROUGH Museum & Art Gallery

# WWII: 10<sup>th</sup> May 1941

# KS2+ School Session: History, English

Discover how the museum building and its people played a role in WWII as you step back in time to one specific day in 1941. As London experienced their longest and worst night of the Blitz, bombs dropped on the Priestgate area in Peterborough too. Uncover a taste of life for citizens and evacuees in World War 2.

#### Learning Objectives:

- To study an aspect of history and a site that is significant in the locality
- To develop a greater understanding, knowledge and appreciation of local history and events
- To develop a greater understanding of life in the past
- To develop an understanding of how our understanding of the past is constructed from a range of sources
- To identify, understand and appreciate the impact that WW2 had on this area and on people's lives
- To make statements and inferences based on evidence
- To use spoken language to develop understanding through speculating, hypothesizing, imagining and exploring ideas

## Activity 1: Air Raid Shelter

You will be escorted down into the museum cellar's air raid shelter by an ARP Warden. Handle real WWII artefacts and test out your gas masks. Meet Abigail, the Museum caretaker's daughter, who is also sheltering downstairs. Experience the sights, sounds and even the shakes of an air raid!

#### Activity 2: Discover the Home Guard

Meet Mr or Mrs Winter, the Museum caretakers and find out about his Home Guard duties. Discover what this involves and try out some of the tasks including drill. Practise using a stirrup pump and watch out for any incendiary bombs in the Museum Garden

### Activity 3: Craft Activity

Make do and mend by creating spitfire or messenger pigeon toy from recycled materials

Duration: Up to full day Cost: £210 per class+VAT for half day £250+VAT for full day Max Group Size: 30 Min Staff-Student Ratio: 1:10

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Booking Process & Questions: Please contact mercy.wilson@ peterboroughlimited.co.uk 01733 864 731 We are always happy to adapt to your needs

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

# Pre and post visit resources

This session is available as an outreach session. Please enquire for visit resources

#### Accessibility:

Access to the Vaults (air raid shelter) is by steps. It is not wheelchair accessible. Please contact us to discuss any access requirements.