

Timetable for Local History at Chelmsford Museum (Key Stage 1)

Please split your class into 2 equal groups before the day. Both groups will do all activities.

The session is 1.45 hours: 10.15 – 12.00 or 12.45 – 2.30pm. The museum opens at 10am. Please arrive in time to be ready to start the session promptly. If you need to change your arrival or leaving time, please let us know before your visit so we can adapt the session to fit with your travel times.

Lunch space. There is plenty of outdoor space to picnic outside or indoor space if wet or cold.

<p>10am Museum opens Arrive – toilets, coats and bags put away</p>	
<p>10.15 (12.45) Whole class welcome and introduction Look at the outside of the museum which was originally a Victorian house. How is it different to houses today? Go inside and look at a box that was ‘found’ in the attic – what is inside? How do these objects help us to learn about the past?</p>	
<p>Group A: (half class) Evidence from Objects and Photographs – Victorian Chelmsford The children investigate Victorian artefacts, sharing their observations and suggesting possible uses. Can they match the objects to the people who may have owned them? Look at photographs of Chelmsford High Street in Victorian times and compare them to modern pictures. What has changed and what has stayed the same?</p>	<p>Group B: (half the class) Evidence from Archaeology – Roman Chelmsford The children become archaeologists, sifting through gravel from a dig and sorting their finds. What can we learn about Chelmsford in Roman times from the things left behind in the ground? Role play the journey Roman soldiers would make from London to Colchester to understand the need to build a town between them as an overnight stopping point.</p>
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<p>12.00 (2.30) Finish</p>	