



Toys and Games

Offered as a half-day session



Activity

Each of the activity sessions will be led by a representative from the Helena Thompson Museum.

In this event, we take a look at Childhood in Victorian times and how money, and the wage your Father earned, impacted on what toys were around for you to play with.

Children have always played with toys in some form or another. They used their imagination to use mud to make Pies or pots and make boats or animals out of pieces of wood.

In the olden days, in a well-off family home, playing with a Noah's Ark on a Sunday was the only toy permitted because of its religious background.

- What toys were available to well-off children?
- What toys were available to poor children - if any?
- What street games were played?

The above topic will be explored using some of the following:-

playing with olden day toys, (some of which may be replicas), craft, games such as a board game, snap, 'picture' dominoes, playing 'playground' games and quizzes.

During the day, each visiting group will be split into four smaller groups to take part in activities; can we therefore please have at least four members of staff to accompany the main group? Thank you.

Sessions are available from September to July (excluding November & December). Please telephone the Museum Manager, Tricia Poole on 01900 64040 for available dates and a copy of a more detailed information sheet.