



# Activity workshop information sheet

## “The tale of Mrs. Tiggy-winkle”

Location: Thame Vicarage Room & Amersham Prefab

Length of workshop: 2 hours

### Synopsis:

Using the story “The tale of Mrs. Tiggy-winkle” we will explore the characters and washday.

During this workshop, the children will listen to the story and then take part in a traditional washday. They will wash a tea cloth each, turn the handle to put it through the mangle and then hang it up to dry at the Amersham Prefab. After snack time we will visit Thame Vicarage Room where we will make a pinecone hedgehog to take home. If we have some time we will finish the workshop by dressing up in Victorian pinafores and playing with some toys that Lucy would have had.

### Learning aims and objectives:

- To develop listening skills
- To investigate shapes, colours and textures
- To encourage imagination, creativity and self expression
- To develop hand/eye coordination
- To develop making skills
- To encourage and develop observation and experience of then and now
- To share ideas and make plans together
- To use language to describe items and actions to others
- To encourage looking closely at small animals and to think about the conditions small animals need to live
- To encourage children to respect and help other people
- To encourage the children to respect small animals and treat them gently

### Practical points:

- There are photographic opportunities throughout this activity workshop.
- You need to bring your snack with you and time is provided within the activity for this.
- Please be aware that we will be using a mangle during the washing activity, however the handle will be disconnected when it is not in use.
- We will be using carbolic soap during the washing activity and therefore please make us aware of any child who suffers from eczema or allergies so that we can provide them with non-powdered vinyl gloves.

### Support required from school staff:

Your staff and adult helpers will need to help the children throughout the activity.

### Related areas of interest in the Museum:

- Leagrave Cottages, High Wycombe Toll House and Amersham Prefab – look in the houses to find out how the washing and ironing was done in the past.
- Look for clues to find out where animals and birds live in our woods.