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MUSEUM

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alive through history*

“The Enormous Turnip”



Location:

- Amersham Prefab garden and allotment.

Practical Notes:

- Some of the workshop will take place within a garden area and as such children will require Wellington boots/stout shoes, warm clothes, long trousers (summer and winter) and long sleeved tops. In cold wet weather waterproofs are essential.
- Adult helpers will need to be fully involved in the activities, aiding the children when needed but also providing the freedom for children to explore.
- The garden collage that is made involves the use of some tools and PVA glue, an evaluation of risk is included within this information pack.
- The planting of the seeds involves the use of compost and some tools, an evaluation of risk is included within this information pack.
- The garden collage that is made and the seeds that are planted will be taken home by the children.

Aims of the activity workshop:

- To listen to the story “The Enormous Turnip” [Ladybird First Favourite Tales Series].
- To identify the garden as somewhere you can grow food.
- To plant some seeds to take home.
- To make a garden collage.

Objectives of the activity workshop:

- To encourage and develop safe exploration of the natural and built environment (knowledge and understanding of the world; physical development)
- To encourage and develop a sense of place in the environment (knowledge and understanding of the world; personal, social and emotional development)

- To encourage the use of descriptive and linking vocabulary (communication, language and literacy)
- To encourage and develop respect for the environment (knowledge and understanding of the world; personal, social and emotional development)
- To encourage and develop working as a group and listening to others (communication, language and literacy; personal, social and emotional development)
- To encourage and develop respect for others (personal, social and emotional development)
- To encourage and develop a sense of where food comes from (knowledge and understanding of the world)
- To improve observation and experience of their natural environment (knowledge and understanding of the world)
- To encourage confident movement and exploration of the area (physical development; knowledge and understanding of the world; personal, social and emotional development)
- To encourage and develop listening skills (communication, language and literacy)
- To encourage creativity, imagination and self expression (creative development; personal, social and emotional development)
- To introduce the use of tools (knowledge and understanding of the world; physical development; personal, social and emotional development)
- To develop the manipulation of tools and hand/eye coordination (knowledge and understanding of the world; physical development; personal, social and emotional development)
- To develop a sense of responsibility to their own safety and that of others (personal, social and emotional development)
- To investigate shapes and textures (mathematical development; creative development; communication, language and literacy)
- To develop making skills (knowledge and understanding of the world; physical development)

Access Statement:

Amersham Prefab: Accessible to all users.

Amersham Prefab garden and allotment: Accessible to all users, with difficulties during winter months.

“The Enormous Turnip”: This activity workshop provides a hands-on experience for all children and can be adapted to all needs.

Evaluation of Risk:

Hazard:	Risk:	Safeguard:
Asthma, Eczema and other allergies	Low	School staff/parents are responsible for ensuring that children with allergies are identified and that required medication is carried with the sufferer. Non-powdered vinyl gloves are available where necessary for activities.
Inappropriate Behaviour	Low	The Museum operates a Child Protection Policy. Museum personnel abide by a code of behaviour whilst

		<p>working with children. School staff/parents are responsible for the behaviour of the children in their group at all times. Museum personnel reserve the right to stop activities if children are behaving in a dangerous manner.</p>
Child Abuse	Low	<p>The Museum operates a Child Protection Policy. Museum personnel abide by a code of behaviour whilst working with children. School staff/parents should accompany children at all times. Museum personnel clearly display a name badge at all times.</p>
Lost Children	Low	<p>Museum Personnel in key positions carry radios that are on and audible at all times. The Museum operates a Child Protection Policy. Museum personnel abide by a code of behaviour whilst working with children. Written procedures are in place. School staff/parents to ensure that all children in their group are accounted for at all times. Museum personnel advise school staff before the visit to ensure that all children are identified with a school name badge.</p>
Trestle tables and chairs	Low	<p>Tables and chairs to be serviced and maintained on a regular basis. Museum personnel are to report any faults with the equipment at the time. School staff/parents are responsible for the behaviour of children when seated.</p>
Tripping and falling	Low	<p>School staff / parents are responsible for ensuring that children wear stout, Wellington boots or other sensible footwear. Museum personnel supervise children at all times School staff / parents are responsible for the behaviour of the children in their group at all times. A Duty First Aider is on duty whenever the Museum is open to the public.</p>
Stings and bites, Infections		<p>Museum personnel warn the children about avoiding nettles and brambles Museum personnel advise the children to wash their hands before eating or putting anything in their mouths Museum personnel supervise children at all times School staff / parents are responsible for the behaviour of the children in their group at all times. A Duty First Aider is on duty whenever the Museum is open to the public.</p>
Scissors – small cuts	Low	<p>Museum personnel advise children on the safe use of scissors. When scissors are not in use they are stored on a secure location. Museum personnel supervise children at all times School staff / parents are responsible for the behaviour of the children in their group at all times. A Duty First Aider is on duty whenever the Museum is open to the public.</p>
Collage materials – ingestion, choking	Low	<p>Museum personnel supervise children at all times Museum personnel advise children not to put anything in their mouths. School staff / parents are responsible for the behaviour of the children in their group at all times.</p>

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Collage materials – small cuts	Low	Museum personnel supervise children at all times School staff / parents are responsible for the behaviour of the children in their group at all times. A Duty First Aider is on duty whenever the Museum is open to the public.
Collage materials – allergies and irritations	Low	Museum personnel supervise children at all times School staff / parents are responsible for the behaviour of the children in their group at all times. A Duty First Aider is on duty whenever the Museum is open to the public. School staff/parents are responsible for ensuring that children with allergies are identified and that required medication is carried with the sufferer. Non-powdered vinyl gloves are available where necessary for activities.
PVA Glue – ingestion, poison	Low	A written COSHH assessment is available for this chemical. Museum personnel advise children on the safe use of PVA glue. Museum personnel advise children not to put anything in their mouths. When the PVA glue is not in use, it is stored in a secure area. Museum personnel supervise children at all times School staff / parents are responsible for the behaviour of the children in their group at all times. A Duty First Aider is on duty whenever the Museum is open to the public.
Paper – small cuts	Low	Museum personnel supervise children at all times School staff / parents are responsible for the behaviour of the children in their group at all times. A Duty First Aider is on duty whenever the Museum is open to the public.
Felt tip pens – ingestion, poison	Low	Children are advised not to put anything in their mouths and to wash their hands with soap and warm water before eating or drinking. Museum personnel supervise children at all times School staff / parents are responsible for the behaviour of the children in their group at all times. A Duty First Aider is on duty whenever the Museum is open to the public.
Felt tip pens – choking on small parts	Low	Children are advised not to put anything in their mouths. Museum personnel supervise children at all times School staff / parents are responsible for the behaviour of the children in their group at all times. A Duty First Aider is on duty whenever the Museum is open to the public.
Pots – breakages, small cuts	Low	Children are supervised by Museum Personnel at all times. Museum personnel visually inspect the pots before the activity starts and remove any broken ones. Museum personnel supervise children at all times School staff / parents are responsible for the behaviour of the children in their group at all times. A Duty First Aider is on duty whenever the Museum is open to the public.
Compost – allergies. Skin	Low	Museum personnel supervise children at all times School staff / parents are responsible for the behaviour of

irritation		<p>the children in their group at all times.</p> <p>A Duty First Aider is on duty whenever the Museum is open to the public.</p> <p>School staff/parents are responsible for ensuring that children with allergies are identified and that required medication is carried with the sufferer.</p> <p>Non-powdered vinyl gloves are available where necessary for activities.</p>
Compost ingestion, poison	–	<p>Low</p> <p>Children are advised not to put anything in their mouths and to wash their hands with soap and warm water before eating or drinking.</p> <p>Museum personnel supervise children at all times</p> <p>School staff / parents are responsible for the behaviour of the children in their group at all times.</p> <p>A Duty First Aider is on duty whenever the Museum is open to the public.</p>
Seeds choking, ingestion, poison	–	<p>Low</p> <p>Children are advised not to put anything in their mouths and to wash their hands with soap and warm water before eating or drinking.</p> <p>Museum personnel supervise children at all times</p> <p>School staff / parents are responsible for the behaviour of the children in their group at all times.</p> <p>A Duty First Aider is on duty whenever the Museum is open to the public.</p>
Marker pen choking, ingestion, poison	–	<p>Low</p> <p>Children are advised not to put anything in their mouths.</p> <p>Museum personnel supervise children at all times</p> <p>School staff / parents are responsible for the behaviour of the children in their group at all times.</p> <p>A Duty First Aider is on duty whenever the Museum is open to the public.</p>

Overall Risk (please circle as appropriate): Low / Medium / High