

# How did we wash clothes before washing machines?

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## Pre-Visit Suggestions

Go through the processes involved in washing through a modern washing machine. Explore the different types of soaps used for washing in the twenty-first century.

## Post-Visit Suggestions

Re-count the process of washing used in the past and discuss the implications of the time involved in this process.

Explore the concept of having one day each week for a specific task: How traditionally Monday was always wash day.

The workshop will take place outside the Pre-fab and will last for 40 minutes.

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**KS1/2**

The objective of this workshop is to explore the process of clothes washing prior to the creation of washing machines.



## Exciting Workshop That Takes Children Beyond The Class Room



### Children will:

- Explore the full process of washing clothes in the past.
- They will discuss the techniques for collecting and heating water.
- They will experience using a wash-board, carbolic soap and cold water to clean a cloth.
- They will rinse their clothes using a prosser.
- They will be supervised as they use a mangle and will then hang their clothes out using Victorian pegs.
- Children will have the opportunity to explore the pre-fab kitchen and the wash room in the Toll House, both of which display artefacts used in a traditional wash day.