



Session summary:

In this workshop the children will meet a housemaid from around 200 years ago who they will help with her daily chores, comparing these to their own lives. The children learn about cooking, lighting and heating the home, bath time and washing and ironing clothes. All the children will have a go at helping the housemaid with one of her chores, which includes handling real or replica artefacts.

Learning objectives:

- Pupils learn about the many aspects of our every day lives that are made easier by electricity and gas
- They demonstrate through role play how familiar household tasks were done before electricity and gas were common features of most homes.
- Pupils will have the opportunity to make comparisons between their own experience and that of children in the past.



Curriculum links-

KS1 History:

- Changes in living memory.

English - Spoken language:

- Listen and respond
- Ask relevant questions
- Maintain attention & participate.

SMSC:

- **Spiritual** - sense of enjoyment in learning
- **Spiritual**- use of imagination in their learning
- **Social** - participate in a variety of social settings
- **Cultural** - appreciate cultural influences

Learning outcomes:

At the end of this workshop children will understand that housework was hard work in the past. They will appreciate that electricity and gas make life much easier for people. They will be able to give examples of changes in the way housework is done now compared to the past.



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Housework Then & Now

KS1

Venue: Wardown House Museum & Gallery

(60 minutes)

Additional information: This workshop normally takes place in the basement gallery which is accessed via a staircase or lift from the ground floor and is easily accessible to all. Children are asked to move around the teaching space as part of this activity.

It is useful to know if any members of your class have learning, physical or sensory difficulties or illnesses that may affect their enjoyment of the workshop.

Useful resources

Images of some of the items used in this workshop can be downloaded from:

<http://gallery.nen.gov.uk/gallery14668-e2bn.html>



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