

Workshop: Back to School

Pupils will explore school life in the past using archive documents. They will discover what the area around the school was like previously. They will look at logbooks from the archive and have a go at handwriting practice.

Duration: 120 minutes Audience: KS1 and KS2 Location: WYHC

Learning Objectives:

- To introduce archival material and Archives as a source of information
- To explore school life in the past through historical enquiry and discussion
- To use archive materials to learn about school life in the past
- To have fun

Workshop Overview

Activity	Content	Timings and resources
Welcome and introduction	Meet and greet Why are you here? What are we going to do today? Housekeeping	5 mins
Introduction to archives and session	What is an archive and what do we do at WYHC? Show handling collection Show any documents relating to their school	15 mins
Activity 1: Where is our school?	Chn will look at historic map and try to spot their school Chn will identify anything nearby that is still there Chn will identify anything that has changed Chn look at modern map and compare similarities and differences Chn identify school Discuss similarities and differences in how chn get to school, what was there in past and what is there now	25 mins
Activity 2: Logbook Madlibs	Explain what logbooks are and show example Play fill in blank word from logbook differentiated for KS1	20 mins
Activity 3: Handwriting practice	Chn get five minutes to try the three different types of handwriting practice Quill and ink Slate and Chalk Fountain pen and paper Discuss the different equipment	25 mins
Activity 4: Class Photo	Chn look at old photos of class photos Recreate image	15 mins
Plenary	Recap session asking questions about archive and activities What have you learnt? What have you enjoyed?	10 mins