International Museum Day

What is International Museum Day?

International Museum Day is a yearly event dedicated to promoting museums as well as highlighting the role in society that museums play. They also work hard to show people the challenges that museums face. International Museum Day started in 1977 and by 2016, 35,000 museums in 145 countries were taking part. Every year the day has a special theme. This year the theme is equality, diversity and inclusion.

Why are museums important?

Museums are a very important part of society, they keep the past alive as well as teach us about different ideas, people and cultures. Museums help ideas come to life.

Here are some fun activities to celebrate International Museum Day

We would love you to share your learning and facts with us either by email or on our school twitter.

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☺ Enjoy!

Natural History

Natural history is the scientific study of animals and plants. The two main natural history museums in the world are the Natural History Museum in London, which opened in 1881 and the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History in Washington D.C in the USA. Both museums house lots of different exhibitions from Dinosaur fossils to exhibits about space, human evolution and wildlife.

We would like you to take a virtual walk around the museums using the links below. Have a good look around and then make a fact file about your favourite animal, dinosaur or creature. Make sure you include a drawing as well as key facts like their diet, habitat and other interesting facts. You can make your own page or use this Google link template.

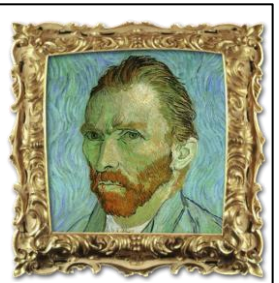
https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/natural-history-museum

https://naturalhistory.si.edu/visit/virtual-tour





Van Gogh



Vincent Van Gogh was a Dutch painter in the 19th century and possibly the most famous painters of all time. The link below allows you to walk around the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam and look at his paintings. Can you draw or paint a picture in the Van Gogh style? Make sure to take a picture and tweet or email it to us.

https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/van-gogh-museum

Eureka

Eureka is the National Children's Museum, located in Halifax. There are lots of different areas in the museum but one of the main ones is All About You. In this area you can find out all about your own body and what you can do. Can you complete the body tests we have made on this Google link? See how your grown ups or siblings compare.

You can also visit the Eureka Museum to see their home activities. https://www.eureka.org.uk/eureka-at-home/



EUREKA! the national children's museum

British Museum

The British Museum in London has been open for over 260 years. They hold over 8 million works, detailing human history, art and culture. The majority of the pieces come from colonial times, when the British Empire ruled around 25% of the world. The British Museum has created a virtual guitar fretboard for you to play with online. By moving up and down through time notes are played. Each of these notes is a special object from history that you can click and explore. Take some time to look through the objects, what is your favourite? Can you find the piece that is 2 million years old? Can you draw your own artifact?

https://britishmuseum.withgoogle.com/

Lego House

The Lego House is the name of the Lego Museum in Billund, Denmark, the home of Lego. Lego have been making bricks since 1932 and have made over 400 billion bricks so far! To find out more you can watch this video about the history of Lego. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qr_dTySMl7s

Lego Science

As a science experiment we would like you to make a Lego balloon car. The link below from the Cape Fear Museum of History and Science in North Carolina, USA, shows you how to make the car and explains all about the science behind the car moving. Can you make a car that goes further or faster than your grownup?
https://www.capefearmuseum.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Lego-Balloon-Car-Engineering-Challenge.pdf





Cartoons

The Cartoon Museum is based in London and hold over 5000 books and 4000 comics. Comics are a great way to bring a story to life, mixing words with illustrations. Use this Google Drive link to make your own comic book strip about anything you like. Check out this guide from the Cartoon Museum on how to draw bodies and faces to help you. https://www.cartoonmuseum.org/lr-instructions

Ancient Egypt

Ancient Egypt is a very exciting topic. From the Pyramids to the Sphinx there is so much to learn. Did you know for example that cats were worshiped in Egypt, that both men and women wore make up or that the most loved food was garlic? The link below from the National Museum of Scotland in Edinburgh, has different games to play to find out more about Egyptians, including a tomb adventure, build your own pyramid and many more.
https://www.nms.ac.uk/explore-our-collections/games/discover-ancient-egypt/

Cleopatra

Cleopatra is a very famous Egyptian, she was actually the last ever Pharaoh of Egypt, after her death Egypt was taken over by the Romans. Cleopatra was born in 69 BC. An amazing fact to show how long the Ancient Egyptians were around is the fact that Cleopatra was born nearer to the present day and the invention of the iPhone than she was to the building of the Pyramids. Watch this Horrible Histories song to learn more about Cleopatra.



https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/watch/horrible-histories-song-rara-cleopatra

Hieroglyphics

Hieroglyphics are an Ancient Egyptian type of writing that uses pictures to represent words. Have a go at this Google Drive worksheet to work out the names of the gods and have a go at writing your own name in Hieroglyphics.

Flight

The Museum of flight in Seattle, USA currently have virtual tours inside many of their aircraft including, Concorde, a plane that used to fly at twice the speed of sound.
https://museumofflight.org/Explore-The-Museum/Virtual-Museum-Online
Using this as inspiration we would like you to make paper airplanes. Use this link below to see loads of different designs and find which one flies the furthest.



https://www.foldnfly.com/#/1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-2
This BBC video explains the science behind what makes a good paper plane.
https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00b9bfk

Science Museum

The Science Museum in London currently have a page of games for you to play to learn more about different parts of science.
https://www.sciencemuseum.org.uk/games-and-apps

Newspaper

Use the links below to complete the Twinkl activity helping the Daily News newspaper to support museums.
https://drive.google.com/open?id=1l-Vq9rjNfpZE2fgu2ewONlf8FlaLSaUP
https://drive.google.com/open?id=1ZUi4rVbcEdSZ2U-_l4JgstvdLr2PCCKM