INFORMATION FOR TEACHERS
TAUGHT SESSION 10

Key stages: 1, 2 and 3
National Curriculum Subject Areas: Maths, Science, Geography, History, Art & Design
Length of Session: 4 hours (can be reduced on request)
Maximum group size: 32 pupils

HUGUENOT SCHOOL EXPERIENCE DAY

Session outline:
Children will find out what life was like for Huguenot school children. Using historic artefacts and replicas children will find out what they wore, learnt and ate.

Activity 1: Introduction to the day
Children will dress up in replica school uniform for the session. They will also be given the name of a real Huguenot pupil for the day. The Huguenot curriculum will be described to the children and the school day of a Huguenot child explained.

Activity 2: Huguenot maths
Weighing and measuring using traditional scales and weights. Use of historic scales and weights. Compare historic weight measurements to those we use today.

Activity 3: Huguenot geography
What did the world look like in the early 19th century? Children will see if they can spot which countries have changed their names.

Activity 4: Huguenot school food
What did the pupils eat? Find out how beer was more popular than milk and that apple peelings were seen as a delicious pudding!

Activity 5: Traditional handwriting
Using traditional handwriting sheets children will have the opportunity to learn cursive writing.

Activity 6: Mischief
Why were Huguenot pupils read the riot act?! Hear about what happened to some of the less well behaved Huguenot pupils!

Activity 7: Huguenot weaving
Many Huguenot pupils went on to work in the weaving trade. Children will have a go at weaving and interact with some of our historic weaving equipment.

Activity 8: What happened next?
In this final session of the day children will find out what really happened to the Huguenot pupil’s they became at the start of the day.

LEARNING & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
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Learning Outcomes:
- Engage with historic artefacts
- Improve speaking and listening skills
- Develop an understanding of school life in the past
- Gain an understanding of who the Huguenots were
- Gain an understanding of what life was like for a 19th century school child
- Experience traditional school lessons

Suggested pre visit activities:
- Find out who the Huguenots were and why they came to England
- Have a look at a world map for the early 1800s
- Find out what your class already know about traditional school life

Suggested post visit activities:
- Develop weighing and measuring skills by baking in class
- Have a go at other traditional school lessons such as botanical drawing or singing
- Write a diary entry or letter home as if you were a Huguenot school pupil
- Discuss and compare current school days with Huguenot school days
- Find out more about the jobs that their Huguenot pupils went on to work in

This session is available all year round Tuesday – Saturday please go to www.huguenotmuseum.org/learning for more information on how to book.