



Classroom Curators:

North Herts
Museum Loans
Box Catalogue



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Terms And Conditions for use of the North Hertfordshire Museum Loans Service

Schools will be solely responsible for collecting and returning the loans boxes on time.

The new boxes contain multiple reproduction and original objects, photos, and information sheets. We are continually adding and altering items in the loans collection boxes, building up the most popular subject areas. For individual content, see the item lists.

There may be times multiple schools will request more than one box of the same type, so there will be restrictions to allow even apportioning of popular subjects.

These restrictions are:

No more than two boxes of the same subject per two-week period are available, if you need more you can either renew, or order two different boxes from the same subject for the following two-week cycle.

Late Returns

It is the school's responsibility to pick up and return loans on time. Collection and return of the boxes to Burymead Resource centre must be organised with the team at least a week before.

Care of the loan boxes and items

It is part of the terms of service that all schools take special care of their loans, especially handleable items, which may be old, irreplaceable and fragile.

The school should ensure that everything is repacked in its entirety before returning the completed box.

Loss or Damage must be reported immediately, and the school will be charged for replacement or repair.

Please note that boxes contain fragile objects and although they are classed as handleable, they are still delicate. If something breaks, please contact the loan service immediately; call 01462 474585, so the service can provide advice or intervention. Please ask everyone handling items to wash their hands and thoroughly dry them before touching.

Acrylic cases

Objects may have come loose during transport, please handle with care.

Do not open the screwed down or sealed acrylic boxes.

Display on flat surfaces, away from edges and not on high shelving.

Do not put a source of light/heat close to the acrylic as it could melt under a normal bulb strength light.

Natural History Specimens

The specimens are old and fragile.

Do not allow the specimens to be touched. The chemical preservation process uses dangerous chemicals.

Touching the specimen will cause faster degradation.

Costume

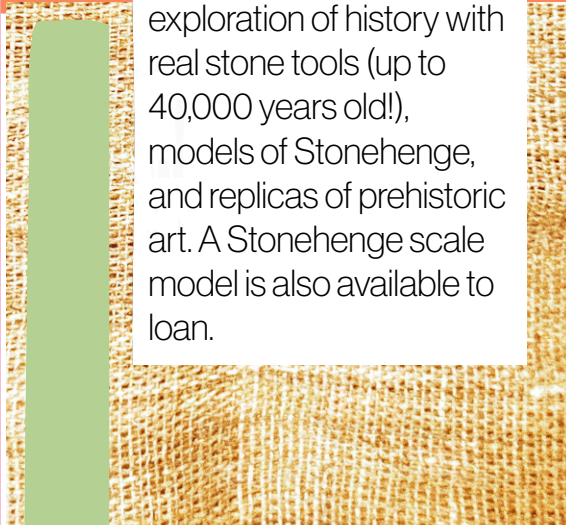
Most costume items are original and fragile. Some have signs of damage. Please pack the costume back in the same way it arrived. Fold loosely and avoid pressure. Fabric is especially sensitive to heat, light and damp, so take special care when handling these items.

Data sheets, paper, and ephemera.

Information notes will usually be laminated or sealed; however, this is not possible for all items.

Wash hands and dry well before handling. Do not use pins, tacks, staples, or Sellotape to display archives, lay them on a flat surface. Blue tac can be used on laminated items but needs to be completely removed before repacking. Avoid liquids.

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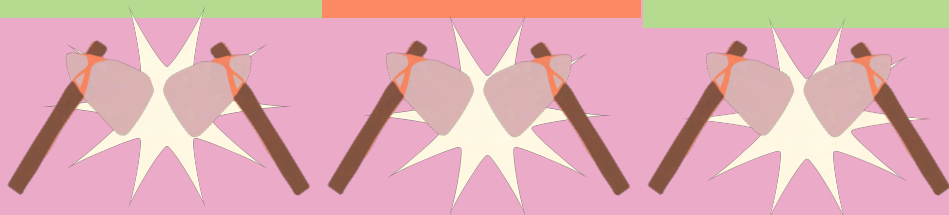
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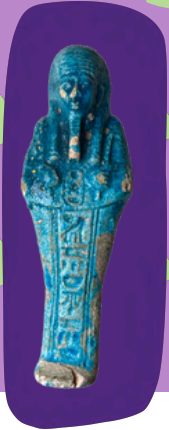
Box 1: Knapped hand axe, arrow head, smoothed axe head, nettle fabric, bone needle, chamois leather, replica of the Lady of Willendorf, replica of a bone harpoon, replica carved mammoth bone, model of Stonehenge.

Box 2: Knapped hand axe, arrow head, smoothed hand axe, nettle fabric, bone needle, chamois leather, replica of the Lady of Willendorf, replica of a bone harpoon, replica carved mammoth bone, model of Stonehenge.

Box 3: Knapped hand axe, arrow head, scraper, nettle fabric, bone needle, chamois leather, replica of the Lady of Willendorf, replica of a bone harpoon, replica carved mammoth bone, model of Stonehenge.

Box 4: Knapped hand axe, arrow head, scraper, polished hand axe, nettle fabric, bone needle, chamois leather, flint blade, replica of the Lady of Willendorf, replica of a bone harpoon, replica carved mammoth bone, model of Stonehenge.





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The Egyptians

Delve into mummification, gods, and hieroglyphs with our selection of Egyptian boxes. Choose from boxes focused on writing or religion, packed with detailed replicas and objects for hands-on discovery.



Box 1: Embalming the pharaoh miniatures. Tawaret miniature, Sekhmet miniature, Bastet miniature, x4 canopic jars, x3 amulets (Scarab, Ankh and Eye of Horus)

Box 2: Fun with Hieroglyphs. Peter Rabbit (in English and Hieroglyphics), Ushabti (blue funerary figure). Sphinx miniature, Sekhmet miniature, Bastet miniature, Embalming the Pharaoh miniatures, x2 amulets (Eye of Horus and Scarab)

Box 3: Fun with Hieroglyphs, The Tale of Peter Rabbit (in English and Hieroglyphics), x2 amulets (Scarab and Eye of Horus), Sekhmet miniature, Bastet miniature, Embalming the Pharaoh miniatures, Sphinx miniature, model of a man plowing miniature.

Box 4: Fun with Hieroglyphs, x2 amulets (Scarab, Eye of Horus), Rosetta Stone miniature, Sphinx miniature, Sekhmet miniature, Bastet miniature, box of reed pens, plaque with main Hieroglyphic sounds/alphabet miniature.

The Romans

Our Roman boxes offer a wide range of topics to supplement your teaching. Your class can handle real Roman artefacts, try on a toga, and explore domestic life with replica models. Detailed villa dioramas are also available to loan.



Box 1: A model of a Roman Centurion, case containing pieces of original pottery and mosaic tesserae, case containing coins, pack containing a toga and tunica for dressing up, a ring-key.

Box 2: A model of an upper class Roman male, case containing pieces of pottery, Roman glass, an oil lamp, nails, a thimble and a child's bracelet, case containing an adult's and child's bracelet, a coin, a bag containing a toga and tunica for dressing up.

Box 4: A case containing a model of a Roman room, case containing coins. case containing an amphora handle, an oil lamp, a part of a Samian bowl, part of a cooking bowl, an oil lamp and a knife, a toga and tunica for dressing up.

Box 3: A case containing a model of an upper-class Roman Lady, case containing a small oil lamp and a bone hair pin, case containing a multi-wick oil lamp, case containing part of a roof tile, a nail, a piece of a mosaic, a piece of cooking pot and a piece of Nene Valley ware pottery, a toga and tunica for dressing up

Box 4: A case containing a model of a Roman room, case containing coins. case containing an amphora handle, an oil lamp, a part of a Samian bowl, part of a cooking bowl, an oil lamp and a knife, a toga and tunica for dressing up.

Box 5: . A case containing a piece of roof tile, a piece of a Samian bowl, A piece of an amphora, an oil lamp, a piece of mosaic and a piece of a Nene Valley bowl, case containing a model of a ship from the age of Septimus Severus, case containing a cloak brooch. case containing a handleable lady's bangle, case containing coins.



Study replica pottery, architecture, and objects with our Ancient Greece loans boxes. Each box is filled with illustrations and models to help pupils explore Ancient Greek life. WOW loans include sculpture and a Greek house diorama.



Box 1: Throwing weights, hoplite helmet, models of columns (Ionic, Doric, Tuscan, Corinthian), coins, Athenian owl token, Vase, Minoan horse and rider votive, Olympics book.

Box 2: Throwing weights, coins, decorative plaque, tragedy and comedy masks, Athenian owl token, lamp, vase, selection of columns (Ionic, Doric, Corinthian, Tuscan), Minoan horse and rider (toy/votive), hoplite helmet, book on the Olympics

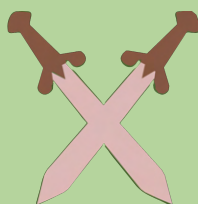
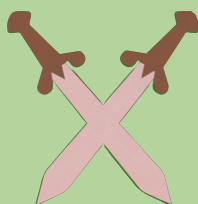
Box 3: Throwing weights, coins. Parthenon frieze model, tragedy and comedy masks, Athenian owl token, vase, selection of columns (Ionic, Doric, Corinthian, Tuscan), Minoan horse and rider (toy/votive), hoplite helmet, book on the Olympics.

Box 4: Hoplite helmet, throwing weights, selection of columns (Doric, Ionic, Corinthian, Tuscan), coins, Minoan horse and rider (toy/votive), Kylix cup, Athenian owl token, Olympics book.



The Saxons

Step into early medieval life with gilded Sutton Hoo replicas, Viking treasures, and helmets to try on. Each box includes a WOW object or wearable artifact.



and Vikings

Box 1: Model of a wealthy Anglo-Saxon or Viking, replica panel from the Frank's casket, replica statuette, (thought to be of Thor), replica Bishop from the Lewis Chess set, full sized replica of the Sutton Hoo buckle, miniature replica of the reconstructed Sutton Hoo helmet.

Box 2: Cased pendant, reproduction panel from the Frank's casket, reproduction Berserker from Lewis Chess set. reproduction statuette, though to be of Thor, full size reproduction of Sutton Hoo buckle, reproduction of a repaired Sutton Hoo helmet (1/4 size), model of an Anglo-Saxon farmer.

Box 3: Cased pendant, reproduction panel from the Frank's casket, reproduction Berserker from Lewis Chess set. reproduction statuette, though to be of Thor, full size reproduction of Sutton Hoo buckle, reproduction of a repaired Sutton Hoo helmet (1/4 size), model of an Anglo-Saxon farmer.

Box 4: Model of an Anglo-Saxon farmer, case containing an Anglo-Saxon brooch, replica of a statuette thought to be of Thor, replica of a panel from the Frank's casket, replica of the Sutton Hoo buckle, miniature replica of the Sutton Hoo helmet,

Box 5: Wearable metal helmet. cased Anglo-Saxon pendant, replica statuette believed to be of Thor, replica Statuette, believed to be of Thor (large), replica Sutton Hoo buckle,, replica King from Lewis chess set

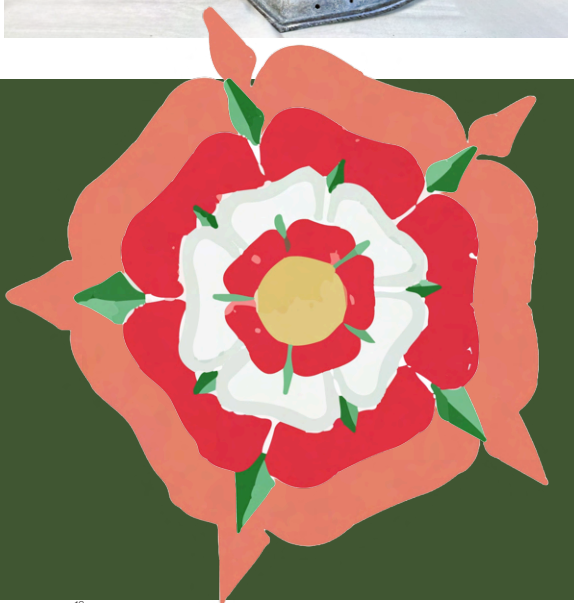
Box 6: cased fibula/crucifix styled brooch, replica statuette, believed to be of Thor, replica Queen Lewis chess piece, replica Sutton Hoo buckle, full sized, wearable replica helmet.



The Tudors



Our Tudor loan boxes cover key topics of explorers, domestic life, the Tudor court, and the theatre. Artefacts include watering pots, maps, and small-scale models of the Mary Rose and Golden Hind. We also have a large model of a Tudor theatre and real armour available to loan.





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Box 1: Court - Information pack, wooden spoon, wooden trencher, stump doll, lucet and wool, watering pot, silver coins, lenten rattle, copies of Pieter Bruegel paintings, Tudor timeline.



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Box 2: Home Life and the Theatre - Elizabethan cardboard theatre, Tudor medicine chest book, lantern, wooden trencher, wooden spoon, stump doll, lenten rattle, cord making disk with wool, watering pot, cooking pot, gold coin, Tudor timeline.



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Box 3: Explorers - Tudor exploration poster, wooden spoon, wooden trencher, Lenten rattle, cord making disk and wool, lucet, stump doll, coin, watering pot, seal matrix made from pewter, A3 Tudor timeline, model of the Golden Hinde.

Box 4: The Mary Rose - Tudor timeline, Mary Rose image, Tudor maps, Mary Rose model, waterpot, Lenten rattle, stump doll, trollen wheel, wooden spoon, lucet, copies of Pieter Bruegel paintings.

Bring drama and disaster into your classroom with our Great Fire of London boxes. Illustrate the events with the opportunity to get hands-on with history. The boxes include a plague doctor mask, quill writing materials, and original fire insurance badges.



The Great Fire of London



Box 1: Information pack, rubber plague rat, small statue of King Charles, leather (cow hide) plague doctor mask, reproduction Sun Insurance fire mark, an original iron fire insurance plaque, small bucket.

Box 2: Information pack, replica Sun insurance plaque, original insurance plaque in an acrylic case, statuette of King Charles, leather (cow hide) plague doctor mask, rubber plague rat.

Box 3: Information pack, replica Sun insurance plaque, original insurance plaque in an acrylic case, statuette of King Charles, leather (cow hide) plague doctor mask, rubber plague rat, small bucket.

Box 4: Information pack, replica Sun insurance plaque, original insurance plaque in an acrylic case, statuette of King Charles, leather (cow hide) plague doctor mask, rubber plague rat, small bucket.



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The Victorians

Transport your class to Victorian Britain with artefacts to explore how people lived, worked, and played during the era of steam and empire. The boxes include original objects like garment samples, hot water bottles, and irons.



Box 1: Slate and slate pencil meat grinder, sugar tongs, goffering tool, pegs, garment sample.

Box 2: Flat iron, candle stick, candle snuffer, goffering tool, slate and slate pencil, hot water bottle, pegs, garment sample.



Box 3: Straw plaits and straw splitter, table top mincer, iron, goffering iron, slate and slate pencil, dolly pegs, bloomers.

Box 4: Embroidery sample, slate and slate pencil, iron, candle stick, table top mincer, hot water bottle, goffering tool, pegs, garment sample.



Florence Nightingale

Introduce one of history's most influential healthcare pioneers through storytelling, dress-up, and visual exploration with our Florence Nightingale boxes. Our packs include a Turkish lamp, a nurse's sash, and a portfolio of paintings and photos.

We have six Florence Nightingale packs to loan. All of the packs contain a selection of images and informations sheets on Nightingale and Mary Seacole. **Packs 2,3 and 4** all contain a lamp and sash.



World War Two

Experience the Second World War through the eyes of a child evacuee. These boxes encourage empathy, imagination, and historical understanding. The boxes include evacuees' suitcases, ration sample models, and personal stories.





Box 1: An evacuee's suitcase containing vest, towel underwear, pyjamas, toothbrush, coins, cardigan or jumper, handkerchief and socks, wooden Tommy gun toy, a set of wooden toy soldiers, a wooden ship and tank, a wind up 'tank' toy made from an old cotton reel, model set of rations for one week (x2 corned beef slices, an egg, bacon, cheese, lard and butter).

Box 2, 3, 4: An evacuee's suitcase (containing vest, towel underwear, pyjamas, toothbrush, coins, cardigan, handkerchief and socks), wooden tank toy, a set of wooden soldiers, a wind up tank made from a cotton reel, a wooden battleship toy, model set of rations for one week (x2 corned beef slices, an egg, bacon, cheese, lard and butter), marbles. **Boxes 3 and 4 both have an additional wooden doll toy in each.**



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Box 5: An evacuee's suitcase containing vest, towel underwear, pyjamas, wooden tank toy, a wooden battleship toy, a wind up 'tank' toy made from an old cotton reel, model set of rations for one week (x2 corned beef slices, an egg, bacon, cheese, lard and butter), cotton parachute toy, wooden spinning top toy.

Box 6: An evacuee's suitcase (containing towel, toothbrush, jumper, shirt, underwear, vest and pyjamas), wooden tank toy, a set of wooden soldiers, a wind up tank made from a cotton reel, a wooden battleship toy, model set of rations for one week (x2 corned beef slices, an egg, bacon, cheese, lard and butter), marbles.



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Toys

Spark curiosity about how children have played across generations. Our toy boxes are perfect for 'old and new' comparison activities and also discussing materials and their different qualities. The boxes include toys from the past 100 years - from Japanese dolls to football annuals. We also have separate WOW loans available, like an original 'Sooty' xylophone and dolls.

Box 1: Three metal model toys and trucks, woodblock stilts, clockwork toy in an acrylic case, pull along horse, tiddlywinks, a selection of images of dolls, a 'Soccer Gift Book' dated 1970-1971

Box 2: Clockwork 'Jabberwock' in acrylic case, 'June' book 1971, pull along wooden horse, metal miniature cars x4, yoyo, game of Jacks

Box 3: Buzz Lightyear toy, woodblock stilts, Lenten rattle, pull along wooden horse, game of Jacks, stump doll, traditional Japanese doll

Box 4: A 'Teddy Bear' annual 1971, x3 metal toy cars, clown skipping rope, clockwork bear, pull along horse, woodblock stilts, stump doll

Box 5: Ceramic doll, x3 metal toy cars, mechanical toy in perspex case, skipping rope, pull along horse, Lenten rattle, woodblock stilts, teddy bear, peg doll



Castles

Help pupils investigate life in and around castles of the past. The boxes feature objects to examine how castles were built, defended, and lived in. They include a Motte and Bailey building set, a Tower of London model, and hands-on objects. WOW loans include a large-scale Motte and Bailey model and a full armour set.



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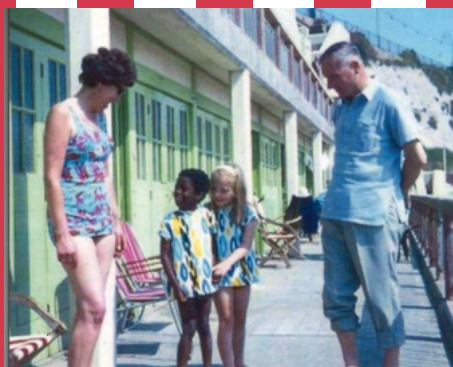
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Box 1: Medieval urine pot (replica), miniature helmets, miniature Motte and Bailey model, thumb watering pot, model of a medieval woman, sample piece of chain mail

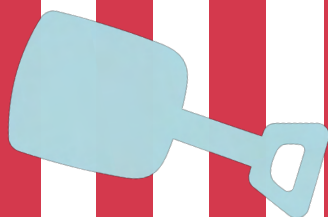
Box 2: Medieval urine pot (replica), miniature helmets, miniature Motte and Bailey model, model of the tower of London, model of a medieval knight, thumb watering pot, sample piece of chain mail

Summer Pastimes

Our Summer pastimes loan boxes explore the simple pleasures of a day at the beach in years gone by. Perfect for encouraging discussion and inspiring creative activities. There are two boxes available to loan. Both boxes contain: photos from seaside holidays in 1900 and 1970, reproduction men's/boys' swimming costume, original beach costume from 1970, and a wooden spade.



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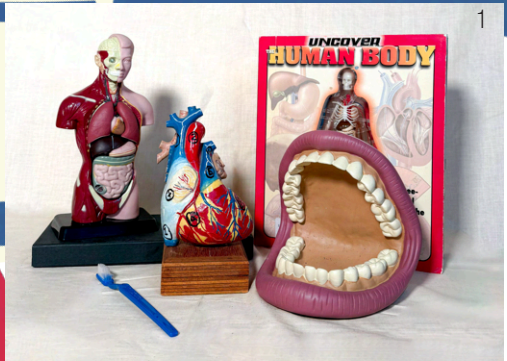
Geology

There are 4 boxes available to loan. Each contains a number of manageable samples of minerals and fossils, including belemnites, devil's toenails, and shark's teeth. The boxes also contain Top Trumps card games, 3D effect posters, DVDs, and a fossil identification book.



Anatomy

Help your class learn about the human body with fascinating models and life-sized replicas. Our models are ideal for health, science, and PSHE. The models available to loan include skeletons and organ models.



Space

Our two space-themed boxes each include an inflatable solar system and a model solar system, offering both large and small models to explore. These resources bring the solar system to life and are ideal for group learning.



Life cycles

The life cycles loan box includes detailed models showing the stages of a bee, butterfly and frog's development. The models offer a hand's on way to explore how living things grow and change.



Natural History



Perfect for science or art lessons, our natural history specimen boxes allow for unique close-up study of mammals, birds, insects, sea life and amphibians. Pick up to 10 specimens for Secondary art or science study.



Mammals

Grey Squirrel

5 available for loan. Squirrel in acrylic case, with info sheets

Red Squirrel

2 available for loan. Squirrel in acrylic case, medium weight

Black Squirrel

2 available for loan. Squirrel in acrylic case, medium weight

Rabbit. seated among beech leaves

6kg in acrylic case

Two Young Rabbits

6kg in acrylic case

Rabbit

5kg acrylic case, x2 info sheets

Pipstrelle Bat

Bat on a branch in an acrylic case.

Bats: Pipstrelle, Noctule and Long-Eared

Three encased bats, two sleeping, one flying,

Young Hedgehog

Perspex case

Two Hedgehogs: Adult and Juvenile

Young Hedgehog with a slug

Small acrylic case

Field Mice

2 available for loan. Small acrylic case

Common Shrew

Also available as 3 Shrews in one case

Bank Vole and Short-Tailed Vole

Stoat in Ermine

3 available for loan. Light to medium weight in acrylic case.

Stoat

2 available for loan. Light to medium weight in acrylic case.

Weasel

3 available for loan. Light weight in acrylic case.

Rat

Black or brown rat available for loan. Light weight in acrylic case.

Mole

Skeleton also available.

Indian Mongoose Eating an Egg

Badger cub laying on her side

Heavy object, 22kg

Badger Cub

Young Vixen Fox seated

Fox Cub on its back watching a Bee

Adult Fox

Fox Cub

Bones

x3 handleable animal skulls

Bones

1 vertebrae, 1 fox skull and 6 animal teeth

Sheep Skulls

x2 handleable skulls

Teeth from Elephant, Cow and Horse

x6 handleable teeth

Birds

Swift, wings outstretched

Preserved flying bird in an acrylic case.

Magpie, wings outstretched

Bird in dramatic pose in an acrylic case.

Long-Eared Owl

Encased owl with photo and text.

Two Barn Owls

Two owls on a branch in an acrylic case.

Barn Owl

Preserved Owl standing on a gate post

Tawny Owl

Preserved and displayed on a tree stump

House Sparrow

Preserved Sparrow in acrylic case.

Sparrow hawk

Preserved Sparrow in acrylic case.

Common Partridge

Preserved bird displayed on soil base.

Robins: Adult and Juvenile

Two Robins in an acrylic case.

Chick of a domestic hen

Infant chick in an acrylic case.

Lapwing

A bird standing on a rock, in acrylic case.

Field fare

Preserved bird in acrylic case.

Cuckoos

x2 birds in natural setting.

Great Tit and Female Chaffinch

Specimens in a case, Great Tit with wings outstretched.

Golden Oriole

Preserved bird on a branch, in acrylic case.

Wood Pigeon

Preserved bird on soil base in acrylic case.

Jay

Preserved bird in acrylic case.

Woodcock

Preserved bird in acrylic case.

Blackbird

Preserved bird in acrylic case.

Song Thrush

Preserved bird in acrylic case.

Wren

Preserved bird in acrylic case.

Greater Spotted Woodpecker

A bird on a wooden stump, in an acrylic case.

Green Woodpecker

A bird on a wooden stump, in an acrylic case.

Curlew

Large preserved bird searching for food.

Kestrel

Mounted Kestrel on a background. x2 available.

Starling

Preserved bird in acrylic case.

Waxwing, Fielding and Brambling

x3 preserved birds in acrylic case.

Brambling

Preserved bird in acrylic case.

Birds' Feathers

An encased selection of feathers.

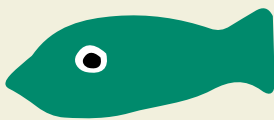
Birds' Feet

Selection of bird's feet with text.

Bird Skulls

x6 encased bird skulls.

Salt and Fresh-Water Life



Puffer Fish

Large preserved fish in acrylic case

Corals

x5 pieces of coral, encased with text.

Tropical Corals

x7 pieces of delicate coral, labelled with text.

Animals of the seashore

Encased selection of sea creatures

Shells from tropical sea creatures

x7 encased shells

Seashells

Shells for handling

Model of Rudd, Stone Coach and Sticklebacks

Mounted model of x3 fish with text.

Sponges

Selection of preserved and skeletal sponges with text.

Flying fish

Preserved fish displayed as flying.

Rostrum of Sawfish

Large saw of Sawfish, delicate not in case.

Models of Perch and Ronch

x2 cased models of fish.

Model of a red Piranha fish

Encased model of Piranha fish.

Molluscs

Selection of shells.

Reptiles and Amphibians

Slow Worm Lizard and Newt

x3 life-like models and text..

Newt and Lizard

x4 examples of newts and lizards.

Model of a Grass Snake

Encased model of a snake and skin

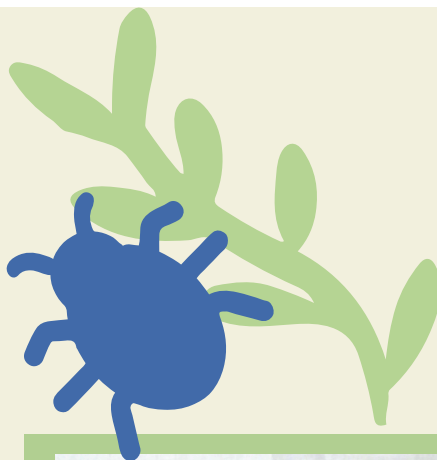
Lifecycle of a Frog

Models showing the life of a frog.

Common Frog and its skeleton

Model and skeleton of a frog.

Insects



Types of Wasps

Encased examples of preserved wasps.

Types of Bees

x12 bees accompanied by text and diagram.

Tropical Butterflies

Encased selection of pinned butterflies with text.

Tropical Moths and Butterflies

Encased butterflies and moths with labels.

Hedgerow Butterflies and the Small Copper

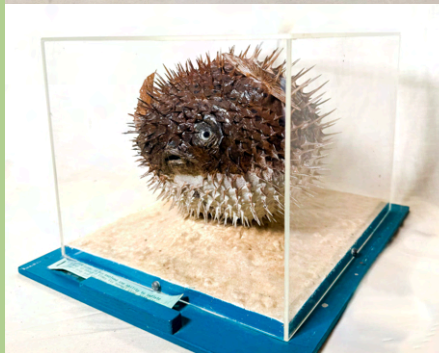
x12 preserved butterflies pinned on bark.

Selection of Beetles

Encased sample of beetles.

Selection of Insects

Encased sample of insects.



WOW Loans

Looking to make a big impact in your classroom? Our WOW loans are a selection of large-scale, eye-catching objects designed to bring history and learning to life. From detailed castle models, to historical toys, full size armour, and scaled replicas of iconic monuments, these special loans create unforgettable teaching moments. Perfect as a classroom centerpiece, display item or immersive hook into a new topic, WOW loans give your pupils the chance to experience history on a bigger scale.



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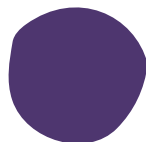
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Once you've chosen your boxes, just send an email to **cas.sanders@north-herts.gov.uk** with:

- The **title(s)** of the boxes you'd like to borrow
- Your **preferred date of collection** from our Museum resource centre
- Your **school name** and contact details

We'll confirm availability and get everything ready for you.



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