



HISTORIC ROYAL PALACES

# Victoria's toys

## Teacher notes

**Duration:** 45 minutes

**Meeting Point:** White Court

Kensington Palace was Queen Victoria's childhood playground. Cosseted by grown-ups and isolated from children her own age, her toys provided moments of relief from the constraints of court life.

What toys and games delighted Queen Victoria as a child? What hobbies did she enjoy, and how did she entertain herself?

Led by a costumed presenter, children will examine images and objects to discover the places Victoria played and the activities she adored. Examining images and objects, they will consider the similarities and differences between toys from the past and today and think about the importance of play to children across time.

### Learning objectives

Children will:

- Gain an insight into the childhood of Queen Victoria.
- Examine toys to understand how objects can tell us about people's lives in the past.
- Describe the characteristics of old and new objects.

### National Curriculum links

This session supports:

History

- Exploring the lives of significant individuals in the past (Queen Victoria).
- Understanding some of the ways in which we find out about the past and identify different ways in which it is represented.
- Identifying similarities and differences between ways of life in different periods.

English



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- Use spoken language to develop understanding through speculating, hypothesising, imagining and exploring ideas.

### During your session:

This session includes small group work and will require adult support and guidance. Please note that the 1:5 staff to pupil ratio which we ask for throughout your visit still applies during your learning session. We ask that sufficient adults remain with the group as they will be encouraged to join in with the session activities. For Health & Safety reasons, our sessions are for a maximum of 35 children.

The session your group has booked with us takes place on the visitor route and in a learning space at Kensington Palace.

Please meet your session presenter in White Court (star on map below). We recommend that you arrive 15 minutes before the start of your session.

