

## Houses and Homes

*Dr Johnson's House workshop outline*

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| <b>Subject:</b> History | <b>Key Stage:</b> 1 | <b>No. pupils:</b> 8 - 30 | <b>Max. staff ratio:</b> 1:8 | <b>Duration:</b> 60 minutes |  |
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### Overview of workshop:

**Aims:** 1) To explore how homes in the past were different to those today 2) To use a historic house in order to investigate the past.

This workshop looks at life in London 250 years ago and how people used to live. Children are introduced to the historic features of Dr Johnson's House, including original furniture, fittings and decoration and given the opportunity to explore the house, searching for clues about life in the past. They will also experience a candlelit room, have the chance to dress in 18th-century costumes, handle objects from the collection and take tea in Georgian style.

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| <b>National Curriculum Links:</b><br>HISTORY:<br><br>Chronological Understanding (1b)<br>Knowledge and Understanding (2b)<br>Historical Enquiry (4a and 4b)<br>Breadth of Study (6b and 6c) | <b>Suggested preparatory work:</b><br>The workshop uses chronological language (eg 250 years ago, before, in the past) and it is useful if children have come across these terms before. | <b>Suggested follow-up work</b><br>Completing the picture of Dr Johnson's House.<br>Doing a similar drawing of their own home to compare modern homes to those in the past.<br><br>As a class, thinking of words to describe Dr Johnson's House and how people lived in the past and adding it to their drawing. |
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