



Normally, videos created by our team have subtitles to make them accessible to a wider range of viewers.

However, as this workshop has been created for KS1 pupils, we believe that subtitles across the bottom of the screen would be a distraction and a barrier to learning for many in this age group. But because we understand that there may be pupils or staff taking part in this workshop who have hearing impairments, we have included this transcript of the videos for you to use as appropriate.

Video One

Hello everyone, my name is Caitlin and this is Preston Park Museum! A museum is a place that people visit to find out about what life was like in the past. Our museum is filled with great big glass cases, and inside them there are lots of interesting things. They help us to understand what life used to be like before we were born. In a museum you might see clothes like this dress - your great Grandma might have worn a dress a bit like this! You can see things like a helmet that a real Viking would have worn over a thousand years ago! You might see big things like our Victorian Carriage or little things like these very old keys- I always wonder what they might have opened?

And of course, in our museum you will see lots of toys: toys your mum or dad might have played with, toys your nana might have played with and then even some toys that are older than that. Museums are filled with interesting things, and lots of children and grown up's visit museums to learn new things and have fun. Sometimes people visit with their school, and sometimes they visit with their family or friends. Have you ever been to a museum before? What did you see there?

Video Two

At Preston Park Museum, we have something that makes us very special. When people visit us, they get the chance to go back in time, and visit our Victorian Street which is filled with lots of interesting shops, and a police station. It all looks very different to a street nowadays. Everything looks a bit strange. And that's because this street shows us what life would have been like around 125 years ago, when instead of a Queen called Elizabeth like we have now, the Queen of England was called Victoria.

You might notice something a little different about this street. If you look in the shop windows you will notice that that there isn't a shop selling TV's, phones or computers. That's because for most of the time Victoria was Queen, people hadn't properly discovered the ways electricity could be used.

And that means that you wouldn't have seen anything powered by electricity. Things that need electricity to work either need to be plugged in like this kettle, or they use batteries. Some things, like my mobile phone, need to be charged and when the battery runs out of charge they stop working. Lots of things we use in our lives nowadays need electricity to work.



But in Victorian times it was very different. Nowadays, if it's dark and I need a light all I have to do is flick a switch. This light is plugged into a socket and electricity flows through the wire. But in Victorian times to see in the dark you'd have had to light a candle. Nowadays, if I need boiling water to make a cup of tea I can just plug my kettle in and flick a switch. But in Victorian times I would have had to fill a great big heavy pan like this with water, and then heat the water up over a fire.

I've noticed another difference between Victorian times and nowadays. Nowadays lots of things are made from the material plastic. But in Victorian times plastic had only just been invented and so was very expensive and rare. That means toys weren't made from plastic. Instead toys tended to be made from fabric, metal or wood.

Your teacher has collected some things for you to look at. I wonder if you can help work out if they are made from plastic or other materials, and figure out if they need electricity to work? Can you help sort them?

Video Three

At Preston Park Museum, we have two toy shops, aren't we lucky?

This is our Modern Museum Shop which is filled with brand new toys, just like the toys you might have at home!

And this is our second toy shop. This is our Victorian Toy Shop, which you will find on the Victorian Street. In this shop there are toys that are over one hundred years old, that children in Victorian times would have been playing with.

That means that both of our shops are very different. But there's been a bit of a mix up and I wonder if you can help?

Our museum was closed for a little while recently and so we decided it was a good time to paint the shops and make them look nice. And because we didn't want any of the toys in the shops to get accidentally splattered with paint, we thought we would be sensible, and we packed all of the toys into boxes until the paint was dry. But someone got a bit mixed up! They put toys from the Modern Museum Shop and the Victorian Toy Shop into one box! And now they're all mixed up and we don't know which shop the toys belong to!

I wonder if you can help sort them? I am going to sort two of the toys and I would like you to do the rest.

I know that in Victorian times, toys weren't made from plastic. And I also know that Victorians didn't use electricity like we do now. So if any of the toys need electricity to work they can't be Victorian. Those are two really important facts I think I am going to keep in my head while I look at these toys.



So the first toy I am going to look at is this one. I wonder if this toy belongs in the Modern Museum Shop, or the Victorian Toy Shop? I can't see anywhere a charger would plug in, and I can't see any batteries or any wires or plugs. So this toy doesn't need electricity to work. I wonder if that means it belongs in the Victorian Toy Shop? Although wait! No, this toy is made from the material plastic, so this toy must belong in the Modern Museum Shop.

This toy isn't made from plastic, this toy is made from metal. I can't see any batteries, there's nowhere a charger would go and I can't see any plugs or wires. Are there any other clues? I think that this toy belong in the Victorian Toy Shop.

I wonder if you can help sort the rest of the toys from the box? Listen closely to your teacher who will tell you what to do next.

Whip and Top

This is a Victorian Toy called a Whip and Top. This is the top, it's made of wood with a little bit of metal on the bottom. We then have a wooden stick with the whip attached.

What I am going to do, is I am going to wrap my whip around the top as carefully as I can, nice and tight until it looks like this, and then I am going to place it on the table. And I am going to pull the whip away as fast as I can and hopefully the top will stay on its own spinning! Let's give it a try.

It takes a lot of practice! It's still going! Shall we see how long it will stay up for? It's starting to wobble....there we go!

Jacob's Ladder

This is a Victorian Toy called a Jacob's Ladder, Its made from wood, with these bits of ribbon going all the way down it. There are a few different ways that you can play with a Jacob's Ladder. One thing you could do is make a tower. You could let the tower go, you could listen to the interesting noise that it makes.

But the best way to play with a Jacob's Ladder is to make it tumble, like this! All I have to do is turn my hand back and forth and I can make the ladder tumble.

Booler

This Victorian toy is a toy you would need to play with outside. This is a Booler. A Booler is a metal hoop with a metal stick attached to it. What you would need to do with a Booler, is you would have one, and your friend would have one, and maybe another friend as well. So two or three of you standing in a line with your Boolers. And then, you would run. And you would run as fast and as far as you could while trying to keep your Booler balanced and upright. You didn't want it to wobble or fall over! Whoever got the furthest without their Booler wobbling and falling over was the winner. Would you like to see me have a go?

It's very noisy, and it's a lot trickier than it looks!



Music Boxes

This is a Victorian toy called a music box. It's made from metal, and if I turn this lever, it plays music. But it doesn't need electricity to play the music you can hear. There are no batteries, no plugs, no chargers, no wires. Instead, the inside of a music box looks like this. There are lots of metal cogs, and when I turn this lever you can see how it works without electricity.

Sometimes a music box goes a step further though. Sometimes there's a surprise. If I turn this lever, something exciting is going to happen. Have you guessed what it is? It's a Jack in the Box!

Zoetrope

This Victorian toy has a very fancy name. This is a Zoetrope. And a Zoetrope is an optical illusion toy! Victorian children loved optical illusions. They trick our brains into thinking something is moving even when it isn't.

Victorian children weren't able to watch TV, they didn't have iPads or tablets like we have now, and so when something looked like it was moving when it wasn't it felt very special, it felt a bit like magic.

The inside of a Zoetrope looks like this. There are pictures, but none of them are moving? Watch what happens though, when I spin it. I would like you to keep looking through these holes, through these gaps.

Can you see the man doing a flip? One more time...

Isn't that clever?