

The Museum of Harlow Bicycles



For: Reception and Year 1

Time: Approx 2 hours.

This visit allows young children to compare a modern bicycle to older cycles and to see how a familiar object changes over a period of time.

1. Introduction and discussion about museums and old bicycles.
2. As a group the class looks at a modern bicycle. They point out and talk about the various parts i.e. Wheels, (tyres, spokes, hub), Saddle, Pedals, Chain, Handlebars and brake lever.
3. As a group talk about the fact that old bicycles look different and then visit Gallery 5, led by Education Officer. Look at changes to bicycles by looking at a Hobby Horse, Boneshaker, Penny Farthing and Safety Bicycle.
4. Break - If weather allows go into the garden and find the statue of a Penny Farthing.
5. Class divides into two halves. One group go into Galleries 4 and 5 and breaks into four smaller groups. Each group completes a drawing of a bicycle and chooses a bicycle to sketch.
6. The other group talks puts pictures of four bicycles into date order on a time line and looks at photographs of people riding old fashioned bicycles. The two groups swap over.

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