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BRING HISTORY TO LIFE IN THE CLASSROOM

Our exciting and inspirational loans boxes contain costumes, artefacts and teaching materials, designed to supplement and support your classroom learning.



Use them to inspire children's imagination at the start of a project, and develop their thinking and enquiry skills, in the middle of a topic to support learning, or at the end of a project as a great way of reinforcing their knowledge.

BOX TOPICS

Over 40 boxes covering the key National Curriculum history topics

Stone Age to Iron Age
 Roman Britain
 Saxons and Vikings
 Ancient Greece
 Ancient Egypt
 Ancient Civilisations
 Famous People and Events
 Tudors
 Victorians
 Wartime Britain

HIRING A BOX

1 week	£25.00*
1 month	£60.00*
Half term	£80.00*

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EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE

Our collection of early years foundation stage boxes include fairy tales and traditional stories. Perfect for use during circle time, these boxes include costume and artefacts to bring stories to life.

TALES FROM THE CASTLE

Bring the stories of castles and brave knights to life with our Tales from the Castle box. Including a selection of costumes and props, children can role play classic fairy tale stories such as Cinderella, Snow White, Sleeping Beauty and Rapunzel, as well as creating their own stories.



WHAT'S IN THE BOX?

King's velvet coat and gold crown • A queen's cloak and crown • Prince's doublet and hat • Princess's dress and headdress • Cinderella's blouse • Skirt and feather duster • A witch's cloak and hat • A fairy's net skirt • Wand and tiara • A collection of books.

WOODLAND STORIES

The Three Little Pigs, Little Red Riding hood, Goldilocks and The Jolly Postman feature in this collection of story sacks. With a mixture of props and printed resources, you can explore these classic tales with your class.



WHAT'S IN THE BOX?

Three Little Pigs:

Books of the story • Puppets • Masks • Word searches • Word bingo cards • Storytelling boards.

Little Red Riding Hood: *Books of the story • Room sets • Masks • Finger puppets • Red cape with hood • Story board • Rhyming words board.*

Goldilocks: *Books • Goldilocks doll and 3 bears • Masks • Puzzle boards • Picture cards.*

The Jolly Postman: *Book by Janet and Allan Ahlberg • Day in the life of a postman • Letters • Houses • Bingo boards and pairs game.*

Including famous events, significant individuals and changes in living memory, our Key stage one boxes are sure to inspire your pupils to dive into history in fun and interactive ways.

CHANGES WITHIN AND BEYOND LIVING MEMORY

TOYS IN TIME



Our two toys in time boxes contain a mixture of Victorian and 1950s toys and games for children to compare with their own, by looking at materials, colours, shapes and technologies. Both boxes come with a story sack about a little boy and his favourite toy to get children thinking about our relationship with toys.



WHAT'S IN THE BOX?

Metal hoop and stick • Cup and ball • Yoyo • Marbles • Puzzle blocks • E cards • Dolls • Toy car • Toy train • Hobby horse • Victorian "scraps" • Books • Display labels • Photographs • Either "Dogger" or "Oi! Get off our Train" story sack.

WASHDAY

How has washday changed from when granny and great-granny was a girl? Our washday box has a variety of objects children will be unfamiliar with, but were vital to the day long process of washing clothes.

WHAT'S IN THE BOX?

A maid's outfit • A variety of textiles including petticoats, bloomers, table cloth and handkerchief • Flat irons • Dolly pegs • Soap • Carpet beater • Posser • Washboard • Scrubbing brush • Display labels • A selection of books.



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CHANGES WITHIN AND BEYOND LIVING MEMORY continued...

SEASIDE HOLIDAYS



We love a trip to the seaside, but how has this favourite past time changed from the Victorian period to today? Our Seaside Holidays box contains typical items that a Victorian girl and 1950s girl might have packed to take on holiday. With a mixture of real and replica artefacts, this box is sure to spark lively discussion.

WHAT'S IN THE BOX?

A Victorian hamper containing coins, tin bucket and wooden spade • Skipping rope • Swimsuit for a man and woman • Postcards • Bottles • Towel • A 1950s suitcase with swimming trunks and a swimsuit • Gloves • Beads • Box brownie camera • Books • A doll • Photographs and images.

VICTORIAN SEASIDE

With the introduction of the railways in Britain, travel around the country became easier and people began to flock to the seaside for holidays. Children can explore what kinds of things Victorians took with them to the seaside, what they wore on the beach, and what type of activities children played.



WHAT'S IN THE BOX?

A wicker hamper containing: Swimsuit • Tin bucket and wooden spade • Shells • Coins • button hook • Marbles • Top and whip • Skipping rope • Sun hat • Gloves • Dip pen • "Scraps" • Images, posters and labels for display.

PUNCH AND JUDY

One of the staples of the great British seaside for many years were the Punch and Judy shows filled with comic scenes. Adults and children alike enjoyed seeing Mr Punch get up to mischief, while the other characters looked on. Using our Punch and Judy box your class can explore this seaside tradition, create their own scripts and perform for their friends.



WHAT'S IN THE BOX?

Puppet theatre • Mr Punch and his infamous stick • Judy and her frying pan • Joey the Clown • The Crocodile • The Policeman with his truncheon • The baby • Posters, images and scripts.



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CHANGES WITHIN AND BEYOND LIVING MEMORY continued...

KNIGHTS AND CASTLES

Life in a medieval castle is very different to how we live today. With a selection of costumes from a princess to a knight, children can explore the idea of living in a castle through character and role play.



WHAT'S
IN THE
BOX?

Knights costume including helmet, chainmail and shield • A princess dress and headdress • A court jester costume • Peasant costumes • Keys to the castle • Posters and books.

SCHOOL DAYS

School days in the past were very different to school today. This box is perfect for exploring what it was like to be a school child in the Victorian period; including a selection of pinafores and waistcoats to turn your class into Victorian pupils.



WHAT'S
IN THE
BOX?

Pinafores, waistcoats, caps and sailor collars to costume your class • Playground toys including hoop and stick, cup and ball toy, marbles, whipping top • "Five stones" game • Classroom artefacts including slates, ink wells, dip pen, finger stocks, punishment cane, replica copy books and log books.

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SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

SAMUEL PEPYS AND THE GREAT FIRE OF LONDON

The Great Fire of 1666 was a disaster for London, destroying more than 13,000 houses over four days. Much of what we know of the event has come from the famous diary of Samuel Pepys. Using this box your class can put Pepys in the hot seat and imagine what it was like to witness such a catastrophic event.

WHAT'S
IN THE
BOX?

Samuel Pepys costumes including wig
 • *Mrs Pepys costumes* • *Candlestick and candle* • *Quill pen and ink pot* • *Clay pipe* • *Coins* • *Extract from Pepys diary* • *Panorama images of London* • *Posters, books and labels for display.*

THE TITANIC

In the early hours of 14 April 1912, the Titanic descended to the bottom of the Atlantic. But how could this “unsinkable” ship sink? Using real and replica objects from the time, as well as costumes for different classes, this box helps you explore what happened and how this tragedy could have been avoided.

WHAT'S
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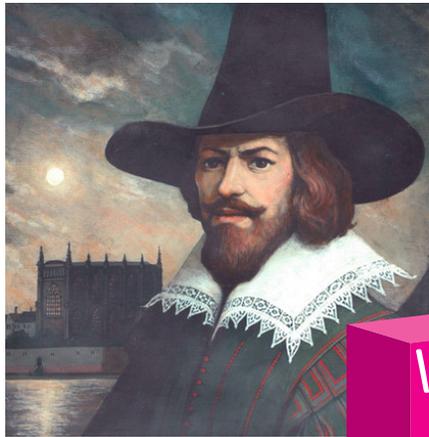
First and third class passenger costumes • *Captain's hat and whistle*
 • *Replica Lifejacket* • *Coins* • *Pocket watch* • *Morse code tapper and telegrams* • *Boarding pass* • *Newspaper extracts* • *Images of the Titanic.*

See more...

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

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BONFIRE NIGHT



Remember, remember, the fifth of November... This annual event is such an exciting part of autumn, with families gathering around bonfires and watching firework displays. But why do we do this? Our Bonfire Night box explores the Gunpowder Plot through costume and artefacts, and asks why Guy Fawkes wanted to blow up parliament in 1605.



This box will include a costume for Guy Fawkes and a selection of artefacts to help children explore this fascinating period of history.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

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First World War great coat and cap • Gloves and scarf • Playing cards • Spent bullets • Embroidered postcards • Whistle • Locket with lock of hair • Tobacco tin • Photographs • Remembrance Day poppies • Printed resources.

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LIVES OF SIGNIFICANT INDIVIDUALS

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE



The Lady of the Lamp is most famous for her work during the Crimean War, but her lasting legacy is how she changed the face of nursing making it a highly skilled, well respected medical profession. Using costume and artefacts, this box encourages children to explore the life of Florence Nightingale through role play and object handling.



WHAT'S IN THE BOX?

Florence Nightingale outfit and modern nurse's uniform • Scutari brassard and Sebastopol medal • Medicine bottles • Feeding cup • Turkish lantern • Photographs • Posters • Books • Newspaper reprints • Labels for display.

See more...

LIVES OF SIGNIFICANT INDIVIDUALS

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QUEEN VICTORIA

Probably the most famous Queen in history, Victoria ruled an empire and saw great changes through her lifetime, including the industrial revolution, the introduction of the railway, the invention of electricity and the first cars! Using costume, explore this fascinating woman's reign.



Costume for Queen Victoria • Images of Queen Victoria throughout her reign • Posters • Photographs • Extracts from Victoria's sketchbook • Family tree.



GRACE DARLING



Most children will have heard of the RNLI, but do they realise the important work done by these amazing people? The varying versions of Grace Darling's brave rescue of wrecked sailors in 1838 is a fascinating way of investigating the development of the RNLI, and using costume to explore her story brings this to life.



Costume for Grace Darling • Ship's lantern • Pair of rowlocks • Life saver medals • Sequencing game • Book about Grace • RNLI information pack.

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LIVES OF SIGNIFICANT INDIVIDUALS

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MARY ANNING

Use our Mary Anning box to investigate the life of this English fossil hunter, made famous for the important finds she discovered along the Jurassic coast of Dorset. Including a costume to role play, and fossils from the Jurassic period, this new loans box is a fascinating insight into Mary Anning's life and contributions to natural science.



**WHAT'S
IN THE
BOX?**

Cloak, bonnet and gloves for Mary • Fossil collecting basket • Fossils including ammonite, oysters, belemnite, coprolite, sea urchin, Iron Pyrites and an ichthyosaur bone • Information booklets on fossils and Mary Anning • Fact sheets • Magnifying glasses • CD with activities.

SHAKESPEARE



We have a lot to thank Shakespeare for; not only his vast catalogue of plays, but so many of our modern phrases have come from him. With our Shakespeare boxes you can act out two of his most famous and well-loved plays – Macbeth and A Mid-Summer Night's Dream – using props and garments, and his wonderful words.

**WHAT'S
IN THE
BOX?**

A Mid-Summer Night's Dream
Garments for the main characters
• *Costume design* • *Postcards* •
Photographs and posters



Shakespeare
Costumes for William Shakespeare, Macbeth, Lady Macbeth, Duncan and a witch • *Books* • *Display labels* • *Activities* • *Posters* • *Information about Shakespeare*

**WHAT'S
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BOX?**

See more...

LIVES OF SIGNIFICANT INDIVIDUALS

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EXPLORERS

Francis Drake, Walter Raleigh, Christopher Columbus – these intrepid explorers travelled across the seas to find new lands and people. Using artefacts and costume our explorer boxes are a fantastic way of introducing the topic of early exploration to children.



WHAT'S
IN THE
BOX?

Costume for a Tudor Explorer • Artefacts including block and tackle, coins, jewels, ink pot, ships biscuit, quill pen, horn beaker, extracts from ships log, fool's gold, shells, and an ebony carving • Pictures posters • Display labels.

PIRATES!

Not only did explorers cross the seas to find new lands and people for their kings and queens, they sometimes got up to mischief along the way. Certain pirates became heroes for some, and infamous for others. Explore our Pirates box to find out why.



WHAT'S
IN THE
BOX?

Costumes for Blackbeard and Francis Drake • Artefacts include a pottery jug, clay pipe, sand timer, coins, wooden block and tackle, replica ships nails, fool's gold, wooden trencher, horn beaker, pewter plate and goblet • A selection of images of historical pirates and their ships.

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Prehistory, Saxons, Vikings and more; we have an extensive range of boxes designed to use the historical enquiry skills developed at key stage 1 to discover fascinating facts about British, local and world history.

STONE AGE TO IRON AGE

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From hundreds of thousands years ago to the invasion of Britain, prehistory accounts for much of human history, but nothing was written down until the Romans came along, so how do we know about what happened? With our Stone Age to Iron Age box, your class become archaeologists, handling real and replica objects from the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age to find out what life might have been like.



WHAT'S IN THE BOX?

Costume for a Neolithic man and Iron Age man • A selection of original and replica artefacts including hand axes, Antler pick, Harpoon, Palstaves (Axe heads), Coins, Spear heads and Cloak pins.

IRON AGE CELTS

No one actually used the word Celt to describe Iron Age people in Britain until the 18th Century, in fact the Romans called these people Britons. Celt is from the Greek word Keltoi, which means barbarian – is this a good description of the ancient Britons? Handle artefacts and role play in costume to find out.



WHAT'S IN THE BOX?

Costumes for an Iron Age warrior and woman • Artefacts include coins, torc bracelet, loom weights; posters, discussion cards, images, books and display labels.

THE ROMAN EMPIRE

ROMANS v CELTS

AD43 was a big year for ancient Britons – After two attempts by Julius Caesar, emperor Claudius invaded with his huge army! Our Romans v Celts box contains two Celt outfits and a Roman soldier, complete with plate armour, so your class can role play the invasion and talk about the impact this had on the Ancient Britons.



WHAT'S IN THE BOX?

Costumes for Boudicca • A Celtic warrior and a Roman soldier • Artefacts including pottery, mosaic tesserae, torc bracelet, knuckle bones, wax tablet and stylus, images, posters, display labels.



ROMAN LIFE

Once the Romans invaded and settled in Britain, what was life like for Roman people? Using our Roman life box, your class can explore what kind of objects Roman people had, role play using the costumes, and use the printed resources to develop their historical enquiry skills.



WHAT'S IN THE BOX?

Costumes for a wealthy family, a middle class family and a slave • Artefacts include wax tablet and stylus, glass beads, coins, copper lamp, torque bracelet, pottery, and mosaic tesserae; images or roman life, books, a CD of roman music, and labels for display.

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SAXONS AND VIKINGS

THE SAXONS



The time of the Saxons and Vikings is often called the dark ages as there's little documentary evidence for this period, but archaeologists have shown us that this was actually a time of art, culture and learning.



Using our Saxons boxes you can bring this dark period into the light and discover what life was like for the Saxons.

WHAT'S IN THE BOX?

- Costumes for a Saxon man and woman
- Saxon shield
- Pottery sherds
- Bone needle
- Glass beads
- Coins
- Animal bones
- Jewellery
- Object record sheets
- Images
- Posters
- Labels for display.

THE VIKINGS

Raiders or traders? The Vikings have been portrayed as terrible warriors who killed anyone in their path. With a mixture of costume, artefacts and activities, your class can find out that there's more to these people than meets the eye!



WHAT'S IN THE BOX?

- Costumes for a Viking man and woman
- Pottery lamp
- Coins
- Thor's hammer
- Brooches
- Bone needle
- Images and a selection of books.

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LOCAL AND BRITISH HISTORY BEYOND 1066

TUDOR RICH AND POOR

We often think of Henry VIII and his 6 wives or Elizabeth I and her court when we think of the Tudors. Much of this period focusses on the important and influential people, but what was life like for ordinary people? Use our rich and poor box to compare and contrast the types of objects used by the wealthy and the poor.



Costumes for a rich lady and a poor man • Wooden trencher and horn beaker • Pewter plate and goblet • Coins • Images and posters • Labels for display.

WHAT'S IN THE BOX?

TUDOR LIFE

With a variety of different artefacts, our Tudor Life box is an excellent way of exploring the lives of people in the 16th century. Explore the box of mystery objects, look at the different materials used, think about who would have used each artefact, develop those investigative tools and make a record of your findings.



Elizabethan cape • Decorated glove • A child's doublet • Velvet Tudor hat • Crotal bells • Ink pot • Spoon with Tudor crest • Clay pipe • Coins • Posters, images and books.

WHAT'S IN THE BOX?

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LOCAL AND BRITISH HISTORY BEYOND 1066

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VICTORIAN LIFE

Perfect as a template for a local history study, this box contains costumes for the Hobbs family of Hampshire as well as a census record, trade directory and Ordnance Survey map. Use the resources to find out where the Hobbs lived, what jobs they did, and how old they were, then use these principles to explore a family in your locality.



WHAT'S IN THE BOX?

Costumes for 6 members of the Hobbs family • Artefacts including plumbers tools, candlestick, coins, book, slate and pencils, and toy soldiers • Resources including census return and blank census, trade directory entry, Ordnance Survey map, photos and labels for display.

WWII EVACUEES SUITCASE



September 1939 saw the first official evacuation of civilians during the Second World War. Children were the first to experience this, being sent to the countryside away from their families. Our evacuees' suitcase contains clothing and objects a child would pack to take with them. What would your class take with them, and what would they find hard to leave behind?



WHAT'S IN THE BOX?

A vintage leather suitcase containing: Garments • Coins • Toys • Books • Teddy bear • Shoes • Marbles • Photographs • Facsimile billeting card • Newspaper cuttings • CD of evacuee memories • Postcards • Labels for display.

[See more...](#)

LOCAL AND BRITISH HISTORY BEYOND 1066

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WWII HOME FRONT

Our home front box contains costumes for a wartime family and selection of artefacts you would find in the home. Using the costumes and objects your class can explore what life was like during WWII.



WHAT'S IN THE BOX?

Costumes for Dad, Mum, son and daughter • Gas mask • Enamel wear • Coins • Military buttons and insignia • Knitting bag with tools • Ration book • Identity card • Utility tin • Posters • Books • Images • Facsimile documents.

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EARLY CIVILISATIONS AND ANCIENT GREECE

ANCIENT EGYPTIAN LIFE



Pyramids, Pharaohs, hieroglyphics, the Ancient Egyptians are known for being an advanced civilisation. Our Ancient Egyptian life box contains costumes and artefacts to help you bring this topic to life in the classroom. Create your own museum using the objects, explore Ancient Egyptian creation myths and the lives of the pharaohs using the costumes.



WHAT'S IN THE BOX?

Egyptian Princess and Pharaoh Costumes • Replica artefacts including shabtis, scarab beetle, statuette of Egyptian god, papyrus paper, sphinx • Images, postcards and posters • Labels for display.

EGYPTIAN AFTERLIFE

The way the Ancient Egyptians treated their dead is a truly fascinating thing, and is the focus of our Ancient Egyptian Afterlife box. Containing replica canopic jars, shabtis, amulets, scarabs and other artefacts used by the Egyptians to prepare the dead for the afterlife, this box will help you and your class explore the beliefs of this complex society.



WHAT'S IN THE BOX?

Costume for an Egyptian Princess • Rosetta stone • Statuettes of Horus • Bastet and a sphinx • Canopic jars • Shabtis • Bead necklaces • Amulets • Papyrus • Images, posters, books and display labels.

See more...

EARLY CIVILISATIONS AND ANCIENT GREECE

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HOWARD CARTER'S SUITCASE

When asked by Lord Carnarvon in 1922 what he could see in Tutankhamun's tomb, Howard Carter replied "wonderful things". Our Howard Carter box contains objects that Carter would have discovered in the tomb as well as objects and garments belonging to him all contained in a suitcase for children to explore.



Howard Carter's belongings including a panama hat, trowel, braces, collar stud, postcards, camera • Egyptian artefacts including bead necklace, shabtis, canopic jar, sphinx statue, Ankh, scarab beetle; Images of Tutankhamen's tomb • Books • Story of the excavation • Labels for display.

ANCIENT GREEKS

The Ancient Greek culture has had a great influence on the western world; Olympics, democracy, art, literature, we still see evidence of this today. Using our Ancient Greek loans boxes your class can explore some of these ideas in a practical hands on way.



Costumes for a God or Goddess, an ancient Greek, and a slave • Replica artefacts including a wax tablet and stylus, long jump weights, oil lamp, coins, fresco, brass figure of Athena • Books, posters, labels for display • CD of Greek music.

NON-EUROPEAN STUDY

THE AZTECS



When we think of the Aztecs we think of blood and sacrifices, but there's so much more to this amazing culture than that. The Aztecs had amazing architecture, they were excellent warriors, children went to school, and they were very creative. Using our Aztecs box your class can explore this amazing society and compare them with what was happening in Europe at the same time.

WHAT'S
IN THE
BOX?

Costumes for a man, a woman, and a theatrical outfit • Statuette of an Aztec God • Aztec calendar stone • Bark paper • Death mask • Ocarina • Rainmakers stick • Books • Images and display labels.

THE MAYANS

The Mayans were very intelligent, the first Mesoamerican society to develop writing, and were advanced mathematicians, known for their calendars, and for being amazing architects. Explore this fascinating society through artefacts and costume.

COMING
SOON!



NEW!

WHAT'S
IN THE
BOX?

This box will include: Costumes for a Mayan man and woman • Calendar stone • Chocolate whisk • Bowl • Cocoa pod • Basket • Images, posters, books and display labels.

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