

Two Temple Place

Primary School Trip Pack



Arranging and booking a trip to Two Temple Place is easy and rewarding.

Why should you come to Two Temple Place?

'I have led school trips to a variety of London art galleries for over twenty years. Without question this was the most inspiring and organized visit I have ever been on.'

Sarah Counter, Principal, Canary Wharf College

Two Temple Place are delighted to once again offer our hugely successful **FREE** cross-curricular workshops for primary schools coinciding with our ninth exhibition, **Unbound: Visionary Women Collecting Textiles** (25th January – 19th April 2020). The workshops will be led by experienced education providers, *theWholeStory*, who have led workshops at Historic Royal Palaces, the National Maritime Museum, the Horniman Museum, the Geffrye Museum and the Victoria & Albert Museum.

Two Temple Place, itself an extraordinary architectural gem built in the late 19th century along the Thames Embankment, will re-open on 25th January 2020 with the exhibition, **Unbound: Visionary Women Collecting Textiles**. This exhibition explores the life and work of seven pioneering British women who went against all established norms to create some of the richest, most diverse and global public collections in the UK today. Alongside 18th century costumes, boldly printed fabrics, intricately embroidered textiles, and works by contemporary artists including Yinka Shonibare (artist of the 2010 Forth Plinth, Trafalgar Square), the exhibition will include archival photographs, sketchbooks and letters – many of which have never been shown in public before.

Our eight previous exhibitions, some of which include *'William Morris: Story, Memory, Myth'* 2011-2012, *'DISCOVERIES: Art, Science & Exploration from the University of Cambridge Museums'* 2014, *'Beyond Beauty: Transforming the body in ancient Egypt'* 2016, *'Rhythm &*

Reaction: *The Age of Jazz in Britain* 2018 and *John Ruskin: The Power of Seeing* 2019 have attracted enormous interest, with over 330,000 members of the public visiting and over 6,000 London primary school children enjoying imaginative and creative workshops. Please see <https://twotempleplace.org/exhibitions/> for details on all our past exhibitions.

What will the FREE workshop consist of?

This year theWholeStory will invite Year 5 and 6 children to imaginatively engage with an amazing and diverse selection of textiles, getting them thinking about what art is and what it does, while also giving them the opportunity to add to a huge collaborative artwork.

Textile has not always been granted the respect it deserves as an art form. We are here to right that wrong.

Through observation, discussion and storytelling within the exhibition space we will discover the fascinating stories of some of the pieces on display. Who made them and why? When and where were they made? How were they used and who collected them?

Using close drawing techniques, students will then be encouraged to creatively engage with different pieces in the exhibition, thinking about which ones they are drawn to and exploring things such as technique, style, pattern and colour. This exploration will inform and inspire the children's creation of their very own piece of multimedia textile art that says who they are and what is special to them.

The day will conclude with each child adding their piece to a nearly 1000 strong patchwork, that, spreading across the wall of the education room will express the individual, cultural and community identity of young London in 2020.

The workshop will begin shortly after you arrive (as close to 10:00 as possible) and should finish at the latest 14.30 with a lunch break in between.

Who can make a booking?

Any state primary school can make a booking for a Year 5 or Year 6 class.

Can a school bring more than one class to participate in a workshop?

Yes, we welcome multiple bookings from schools but we can only book in one class of 30 children per day. Please also allow for the required adult to student ratio of 1:10.

Are the workshops suitable for children with Special Educational Needs?

We welcome all children to take part in these workshops, however, we do recommend that any additional support that a child usually receives is provided during these workshops so that everyone can get as much as possible out of their time with us.

How do you get to Two Temple Place?

Our address is 2 Temple Place, London, WC2R 3BD. The nearest tube station is Temple, which is on the Circle & District lines. To plan your route we suggest using <http://www.tfl.gov.uk> - your school may have an account with TFL through which you can book your journey.

Children and accompanying adults travel for free on the tubes and buses on the school's ticket. However, please be aware that for school groups to travel for free on the tube, schools must apply for the tickets at least 14 days in advance. In addition, tube journeys beginning in zone 1 or 2 cannot begin before 9:50, while tube journeys beginning in zones 3-9 can begin at 9:30. Bus and tram journeys can also begin at 9:30. Please note we recommend that school groups arrive as close to 10am as possible.

Are there any maps available?

Yes, on our website we have a link to a map of our location and to the TFL website where there are tube maps and other journey planning tools available. Our website link is: <http://www.twotempleplace.org/visit-us>



What are the gallery's opening hours?

During the week we are open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 10.00 – 16.30. We are closed on Tuesdays. Please also note that we do not take any workshop bookings for the last day before, or first day after school holidays.

How much will a visit cost?

Visits to Two Temple Place are **FREE**. This includes admission to the exhibition, a **FREE** workshop with the *WholeStory* and use of the lunchroom. Thanks to the generous support from our funders, we are able to offer these workshops to primary schools for free to state schools.

How can you make a booking?

Please complete the booking form, which you will find attached to this email.

Please specify the following information:

- > 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice of dates for your visit
- > The number of students and adults attending
- > Any access or special needs requirements

You can send your completed booking form and make further enquiries to our Education Coordinator, Georgia Murphy, by email at education@twotempleplace.org. You may also phone on 020 7836 3715.

Is there somewhere for the children to have lunch and leave their coats?

Yes. We have converted the underground vault into a lunchroom for the children. There is space for them to sit and eat, and for them to leave any coats and bags.

Can we come and do a self-led visit without a workshop?

Of course you can! We welcome all school groups to the gallery. Please do let us know of your plans in advance so that we can help you make the most of your visit. Please note all facilities including the lunchroom may not be available for your use if there is a school group booked in a workshop at the same time.

Is there any outdoor space for them to run around in?

Yes. Two Temple Place is just next to Temple Gardens where children would be able to get some fresh air (see map above).

What is the building's accessibility?

There is a short flight of stone steps leading up to our entrance. Wheelchair access to the building can be gained via a stair climber. Visitors will need to transfer from their wheelchair into the stair climber wheelchair. Please note that the stair climber cannot be used in wet or icy weather conditions.

All of the public areas of the gallery are fully wheelchair accessible with a lift to each floor. There is a disabled toilet situated on the ground floor.

Any wheelchair users or students with special needs who may require use of the lift rather than the stairs will need to be accompanied by a member of school staff throughout their visit.

Please notify us in the booking form if you will require wheelchair access and don't hesitate to call us with any queries relating to this.

Do you have a risk assessment for Two Temple Place?

We have a Hazard Identification Sheet which can be used for preparing risk assessments. This can be downloaded from our website <http://www.twotempleplace.org/learning/plan-your-school-visit/>

We pride ourselves on the friendly and accommodating service we offer to schools. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Feedback from previous workshops:

"Our workshop leader was fantastic. Great questioning during the session, which allowed the children to share their thoughts and opinions and made the workshop really personal to them and their experience of living in London."

St.Savior's Primary School (2019)

"Such an enjoyable experience. So much passion from everyone which really touched and inspired us all! I can't stop smiling. This trip has brought out the 'JAZZ' in us all!"

St.Stephen's C of E Primary School (2018)

"The storyteller was excellent and engaging – a very dynamic and humorous teacher. Our children were interested in the whole day from start to finish. An incredible day!"

Camelot Primary School (2017)

"The storytelling workshop was perfect for the children and fitted in really well with our Literacy unit, it has given us lots of scope for continuing the work back at school."

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School (2016)

"It was lovely hearing other classes roaring with laughter...the whole experience was excellent for the children."

St. John's RC Primary School (2014)

"The workshops...were brilliant – very informative and pitched at the right level for the age of our children. The fact that the children were so well behaved is a testament to the success of the exhibition and your organisation."

Dulwich Hamlet Junior School (2011-12)