



Mary Anning

Please use this information to help you and your students get the most from your visit.



Your workshop

Workshop name Mary Anning

Location Fossil Marine Reptiles

Start time 10.30 11.15 12.45 13.30

Duration 30 minutes

Minimum ratio 1 adult : 10 pupils

Maximum group size 30 students

Please ensure you meet the required minimum adult : pupil ratio.

About Mary Anning

Nineteenth-century Mary Anning has lots of stories to tell you about her life as a pioneering fossil hunter in Lyme Regis. Did you know she helped discover the first *Ichthyosaur* to be recognised by the scientific community when she was only 10 years old. Discover more about her life and important fossil discoveries that helped reconstruct the world's past.

Overview of the session

- Mary Anning introduces herself and talks about her life growing up in Lyme Regis.
- Mary explains what fossils are and how the evidence from fossils can give clues about an animal's appearance and habitat.
- She describes some of the fossils she found in her lifetime, including ammonites, belemnites, and ichthyosaurs.

Health and safety

This event takes place in the galleries, which are a public space. Pupils will be seated on the floor. Please help us by ensuring members of the public can move freely around your group.

A note about behaviour

Our experienced gallery character will lead your workshop. We work to make it an inspiring and inclusive experience for all pupils and find we rarely have problems with behaviour. However, teachers have overall responsibility for the behaviour of their pupils and we expect you to support us with this where necessary. Pupils benefit significantly when teachers and accompanying adults also get involved in the workshops, so please do join in where appropriate.

National Curriculum links

Science

Sc 1 1a That science is about thinking creatively, to try to explain how living and non-living things work and to establish links between causes and effects.

History

2a The characteristic features of the periods and societies studied, including the ideas, beliefs, attitudes and experiences of men, women and children in the past.