Notes for teachers

National curriculum links
• Art and Design

About this session
Students use the Museum’s galleries for inspiration and design their own printing tile before creating a print.

Location Clore Centre for Education and galleries
Format group work, art activity
Capacity 32 students
Duration 180 minutes and a 30-minute lunch break
Price £60
Note: Students must wash their hands prior to and after the session as they’ll be handling objects.

In detail
• Students discuss the different techniques that can be used by an artist to create a picture (e.g. painting, drawing, collage). We introduce to the technique of printing.
• Students think about how artists collect inspiration. Using objects, the students consider what lines, shapes and patterns could inspire them to create their own piece of art.
• Students then go to the Museum galleries to collect inspiration from the objects on display.
• Back in the museum classroom the students review their inspiration sheets and draw the design on to their tile. They inscribe the design into the surface of the tile with a pencil.
• After watching a printmaking demonstration, the students work in small groups to produce a printed picture with their tile.

Before your visit
• Introduce/revise the key themes and vocabulary listed below.
• The students could think about what you would expect to find in a museum.
• Discuss different types of art techniques (for example drawing, painting, printing, stone sculpture, clay pottery) which the students have used or heard about.

After your visit
• Back at school the students can continue to print with their printing tiles to create either individual or group art pieces.
• Involve the students in preparing their work for presentation (trimming, mounting, labelling etc) and create a classroom exhibition of their work. Invite another class or parents to come and view the exhibition.
Find out more
- More EYFS & KS1 sessions
- Take a look at the galleries with Google Street View and search the collection online

Visit notes for students and adult helpers

You can print this summary sheet and take it with you during your visit.

Learning objectives
- To use objects to collect inspiration
- To design a printing tile
- To make a print

Key words
Art
Artist
Museum object
Inspiration
Tile
Design
Print
Printing

Collecting inspiration
- Students begin by thinking about the different ways that an artist can use to create a picture.
- Students visit the Museum galleries and look at the objects on display to help them collect inspiration for their own artwork.

Designing a printing tile
- Students choose one of the ideas they collected in the gallery to create a design for their printing tile.
- Students draw the final design onto their tile and then inscribe the design into the surface of the tile ready for printing.

Making a print
- Students watch a demonstration of how to print with a printing tile.
- Next the students use their own tile to create a printed picture.
- The students look at the finished prints before all the printing tiles and printed artworks are gathered together to go back to school.