

Early years and KS1 provision

The King's visit (self-led)

Embark on an adventure around the Museum to help Walter check his specimens are looking their best ready for the King's visit. Accompanied by a Walter soft toy, find the specimens, answer questions, learn amazing facts and have some fun!

This self-led trail around the Museum is designed for early years groups. Each mini group must be accompanied by an adult and will be provided with the trail and soft toy. The trail lasts approximately 1–1.5 hours.

Curriculum links:

- communication and language
- understanding the world
- personal, social and emotional development

The *Glis glis*' big adventure (45 minutes)

Follow the story of the *Glis glis* (edible dormouse) that escaped. Discover what animals he meets and help him choose which habitat he should live in.

Curriculum links:

- communication and language
- understand the world
- personal, social and emotional development

Discovering animals (45 minutes)

Sort animals according to observable similarities and differences, and learn how and why scientists group animals.

Curriculum links:

- identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals
- describe and compare the structure of a variety of common animals
- scientific enquiry skills

Polar expedition (45 minutes)

Discover the differences between the Arctic and Antarctic and how animals survive in these extreme habitats.

Curriculum links:

- identify that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited and describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants and they how they depend on each other
- identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, using micro-habitats
- scientific enquiry skills

Prehistoric detectives (45 minutes)

Newly redeveloped! Delve into prehistoric life – explore the first findings of dinosaurs, how fossils are formed and how scientists study them.

Please note: there are no dinosaurs on permanent display at Tring, though there are birds, reptiles and a few ice age mammals.

Curriculum links:

- describe and compare the structure of a variety of common animals
- explore and compare things that are living, dead and things that have never been alive
- scientific enquiry skills

Walter and his animals (45 minutes)

Newly redeveloped! Discover the wild, weird and wonderful history of the Museum and its founder Walter Rothschild. Investigate his favourite bird the cassowary, sort butterflies, explore historical photographs, observe birds and handle animals that were kept on site.

Curriculum links:

- study the lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements, using some to compare aspects of life in different periods
- study significant historical people and places in their own locality

Investigating mini-beasts (60 minutes)

Find, identify and record a range of local mini-beasts and compare the mini-beasts found in different micro-habitats.

Please note this workshop is held outdoors and requires an adult to student ratio of 1:5. In the event of wet weather an alternative workshop will be offered, to be agreed when booking.

Curriculum links:

- identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, using micro-habitats
- identify that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited and describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants, and how they depend on each other
- find out about and describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival
- scientific enquiry skills